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Afro-American Sons and Daughters.

Yazoo City, Miss. Herald
August 22, 1933

Afro-American's Grand Lodge Held

Successful Two-Day Session Held In Greenwood Last Week

The Afro-American Sons & Daughters, negro fraternal insurance organization with headquarters in Yazoo City, closed a successful session of its grand lodge in Greenwood on Thursday night August 17. Due to the depression the delegation present was small, but there was never a better spirit shown than was manifested at this session.

Dr. L. T. Miller, president and medical director, presided at an important session of the executive board that lasted for two hours. At 11 o'clock Wednesday morning Dr. Miller in his capactiy as president, called the delegation to order for the opening of the eighth grand lodge session. Many recommendations were passed to hold the organization intact, even if the depression continues. The writing force of the organization pledged 3,000 new members by December 25, 1933.

The local program was presented by the Greenwood lodges at Wesley Chapel M. E. church, and among some of the interesting features was the welcome address by His Honor, the mayor of Greenwood. It was very interesting and held the attention of the audience for about 30 minutes. She showed in his address that the citizens of Greenwood are interested in the organization of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters.

Many letters and telegrams were received from our friends of Yazoo City, and read in the grand lodge. The delegates received them enthusiastically and by proper motion they became a part of our record. The president's annual address was very good and contained some wholesome information which was ably responded to by G. A. Harper of Greenwood. All ears were eager to hear the Custodians' annual report which showed total assets of $241,-906.40, and he also made an able address which delighted the audience. Rev. J. W. Gayden of Belzoni made a timely response which was very good and interesting and met the approval of all who listened.

The officers were re-elected with few exceptions, and the following new ones were added: T. J. Huddleston, Jr., assistant custodian; I. E. Edwards, Mound Bayou, first vice-president; D. W. Kelly, Indianola, second vice-president; R. J. Pierce, Yazoo City, third vice-president; E. A. B. Harper, recording secretary; and L. M. Haley, Columbus, assistant recording secretary.

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August 15, 1933

Afro - Americans To Hold Annual Convention Soon

The Afro-American Sons & Daughters, negro fraternal insurance order, which was organized here by T. J. Huddleston some eight years ago, will hold its eighth annual grand lodge at Greenwood August 16 and 17.

The work and growth of this order has indeed been wonderful, and but for the depression which fell upon our land in 1929, no doubt by this time the order would have ranked as one of the largest and most substantial orders of its kind in the South. It is strictly for colored people and their benefits are for the living as well as the dead. The policies which they deliver to their people embrace several features that are very attractive. The order maintains a well equipped hospital in Yazoo City where its members can get both medical and surgical treatment.

In the Custodian's financial report which will be submitted to the grand lodge by T. J. Huddleston, he will show that the organization has spent during the year the sum of over $20,000, most of which has gone for sick claims, death benefits and for the care of the sick in the hospital. He will also show a substantial balance in the bank and a careful perusal of the financial statement shows that the Afro-American Sons & Daughters is in a good financial condition and is moving forward notwithstanding the financial condition of the entire country.

Dr. L. T. Miller is supreme president and T. J. Huddleston is supreme custodian, both of whom have demonstrated their business ability.

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Lightner Heads Woodmen

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Beats Dr. Abner for Supreme Office

Chicago, Illinois

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 25. — Lawrence H. Lightner, for 22 years supreme clerk of the American Woodmen, was elected supreme commander at the eighth quadrennial session, defeating Dr. E. W. D. Abner, who sought strenuously to succeed himself.

The sessions, held at Scott M. E. church, Ogden and 22d Sts., were attended by 300 delegates from every section of the country.

Ben H. Graham, Los Angeles, was elected to succeed Lightner as supreme clerk; J. E. Robinson, Houston, Tex., vice supreme commander; Earl R. Sams, Philadelphia, supreme escort; H. P. McAlester, Cleveland, supreme watchman, and H. J. Kenney, Richmond, Va., supreme sentry.

Dr. T. T. McKinney, Denver, was elected to succeed himself as supreme physician; E. E. Carrington, Denver, was elected supreme auditor, and John W. Haywood, Baltimore, supreme prelate. The position of supreme commander emeritus was created and filled by Dr. E. W. D. Abner, and supreme vice commander emeritus by H. P. Billups, St. Louis.

At the opening of the session Governor Ed C. Johnson and Mayor George Begole appeared in person to welcome the delegates. C. C. Trimble, Louisville, Ky., responded to the addresses. The calmness of the welcoming session belied the acrimonious days to follow, culminating in the election Friday afternoon.

LIGHTNER OUSTS ABNER AS HEAD OF WOODMEN

By C. E. CHAPMAN
(For ANP)

DENVER, Colo.—Following a five-day hectic battle, waged by Dr. E. W. D. Abner, Supreme Commander of the American Woodmen, and L. H. Lightner, supreme clerk of the order, the eighth quadrennial session of the American Woodmen, which opened its sessions here Monday in the Scott M.E. Church, Ogden and Twenty-second Streets, unanimously elected L. H. Lightner to head the organization, here Friday night.

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A compromise was reached between the two warring factions in which the position of past supreme commander was created, and Dr. Abner was elected to fill the new post.

Dramatic Moment

The dramatic moment came just before Lightner's election and immediately following acrimonious charges made by Abner against Lightner, but which were hooted down by the assembled delegates from the twenty-six states. Friends of Abner, realizing his utter defeat, asked for a conference and during a ten-minute recess, Abner agreed to withdraw, seeting he could not win, and the two men clasped hands amid the thunderous applause of on-looking delegates and friends, who filled every available inch of space in the great auditorium and gallery of Scott Chapel.

An appeal for sympathy by Abner, in which he charged that he had been persecuted in newspaper stories by Editor Roscoe Dunjee, of the Oklahoma Black Dispatch, elicited no response. The Oklahoma editor had charged in newspaper articles that Abner, by reason of his health, was incapable of managing the affairs of the order. Dunjee also charged that there had been waste and profligacy in handling the order's funds.

Haywood as Aide

For five days the delegates had stood at high tension while two warring factions played for advantage in the management of this three-million dollar institution. Dr. G. J. Munchus, Ft. Worth, Texas, and E. G. Abner, Detroit, Michigan, had charge of Abner's campaign forces, while Editor Roscoe Dunjee, M. S. Stuart, Memphis, and Dr. John W. Haywood, dean of Morgan College, Baltimore, had charge of the successful Lightner candidacy.

Lightner Talks

Lightner, always cool, calm and deliberate, seldom spoke during the session and then only when pressed to speak, but when he did get the floor, he turned loose a barrage of facts and figures that were both overwhelmingly staggering, equally conclusive and convincing. His reply to Abner's charge a few minutes prior in the attempt to discredit him brought forth one of the most spectacular scenes ever seen at any gathering of like nature. The elevation of Lightner to the office of Supreme Commander after having served 22 consecutive years as supreme clerk of the order, was considered not only a fitting tribute to him, but was looked upon as direct repudiation of the attempt to discredit him.

In getting under way Monday, Ben H. Graham, Los Angeles, Calif., was elected supreme clerk, and the following secretaries were designated: Mrs. A. V. Lightner, Mrs. W. Ceurnichette, Miss Agnes E. Davis, Miss Lois Pinkett and W. D. Cain was selected convention reporter.

Dunjee Not Barred

Following the attempt on the part of Dr. Abner, the then Supreme Commander, to bar Editor Roscoe Dunjee from the floor of the convention, the convention passed a special resolution inviting all newspapermen within the convention bar and provided a press table for their use. The supreme escort was then ordered by the convention to go out and bring Editor Dunjee and he was requested to address the delegation.

The Abner forces used various kinds of strategy and maneuvers in an effort to prevent an early election—one of which was, according to the Lightner forces, to delay the report from the auditing committee sufficiently long to weary the delegates, and it was currently rumored that Abner had said in a deputy's meeting that he'd hold the delegation here two weeks. It was the revolt of the field forces, over which he has direct supervision, augmented by the never-relenting activity and vigilance of Roscoe Dunjee, M. S. Stuart, J. W. Haywood, and others of the Lightner forces, which finally culminated in his dethronement from the position of Supreme Commandership and the universal appeal for Lightner to head the organization.

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Governor And Mayor Welcome

At the monster welcome program Monday night, Governor Ed C. Johnson and Mayor George Begole welcomed the delegation on behalf of Colorado and the city of Denver. The response was made by C. C. Trimble, Louisville, Ky. A large chorus under direction of H. W. Scott rendered musical numbers.

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Collosal Reserves

The report showed the American Woodmen to have net assets to the amount of $2,618,323.66. This sum was an increase of $506,468.88 over the $2,111,854.78 as at the ending of the previous quadrennium which ended June 30, 1929, as compared to the present quadrennium which ended June 30, 1933.

Sound Securities

Listed items of assets include such as cash balance in banks, $[illegible] United States Government bonds, $179,922.88; state county and municipal bonds, $527,928.51; miscellaneous securities, $[illegible]22.10; first mortgages, $1,[illegible]28.51; real estate (lowest appraisal) acquired by foreclosures, $535,582.47; foreclosures subject to redemption, $48,050.00; accounts receivable, $61,359.06, and various other non-ledger assets which bring the total assets to $2,618,323.66—the greatest in all the twenty-three years history of the organization.

Huge Interest Earned

The report of Lightner showed also that the sane and sound business policy instituted, and adhered to, by his office in manning and looking after the interests of the American Woodmen, there had accrued to the benefit of the Order the sum of $90,073.94 "earned as interest" on United States, state, county and municipal bonds during the quadrennium from June 30, 1929 to June 30, 1933.

Mortgage Showing Remarkable

Another highlight of the report by Supreme Clerk Lightner was that the interest earning on mortgages during the quadrennium which ended June 30, 1933, amounted to $310,330.99 which he said "was very gratifying and indicates the high standard of our first mortgage liens." The sum of $90,073.94 accruing to the American Woodmen Order added to the sum of $310,330.99 which was earned on first mortgages during the quadrennium make a total of $400,404.93 earned by the Order from these two items from June 30, 1929, to June 30, 1933, a fabulous sum in the light of the many failures on the part of various corporations and organizations with larger financial resources. A few weeks ago, a very high and most competent bond salesman inspected and made analysis of the bond holdings of the American Woodmen and, in commenting thereon, used such terms as "unique," "careful selections," "remarkable showing."

Modest Statement

Supreme Clerk Lightner did not engage in meaningless generalities and platitudes in making his report, but gave facts and figures and let them speak for themselves. He also made his comments very brief, choosing to do that rather than to read at length. He had several hundred copies of his 81-page inclusive and comprehensive report ready to be handed to each delegate before he read his report, a bound copy of statistics embracing the activities of the American Woodmen Order during the quadrennium just ended.

Honor Roll of States

Texas leads with the number of members with a total of 15,237 members in the Order and with protection amounting to $7,523,250. Florida took second place with 4,386 members and protection amounting to $2,125,000. Pennsylvania is third with 2,394 members and $1,117,950 in protection. Fourth place is held by Georgia with a membership of 2,349 and $1,079,900 in protection. Alabama holds fifth place with 1,739 members and $796,850 in protection. The total membership at the close of the quadrennium on June 30, 1933, was 37,366 in twenty-six states and the District of Columbia.

Monarch of Woods

The supreme clerk closed his report with a dramatic recital of the poem on "Behold the Monarch of the Woods," the tree being the emblem of the Order. He was listened to with rapt attention, and the comprehensive, concise and compact report was repeatedly applauded. Lightner was given the greatest ovation in the history of the Order at the conclusion of his address.

WIZARDRY OF SUPREME CLERK REVEALED IN PHENOMENAL GAIN OF $500,000 IN 4-YEAR PERIOD

$400,000 EARNED FROM INTEREST ON UNIQUE INVESTMENTS MADE BY LIGHTNER

Greatest Ovation In History of Order Greets Clerk's Report

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 23.—(By C. E. Chapman for the ANP)—While a large delegation of American Woodmen from twenty-six states and many more visitors from as many states looked on with evident admiration and a silence that was unmistakeably accompliment to the speaker, Lawrence H. Lightner, supreme clerk of the American Woodmen for the past 22 years, made his sixth quadrennial report at Thursday's noon session, said report being a summary and comments on his 81-page printed report covering a period of four years extending from June 30, 1929, through June 30,

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Ancient Independent Order of Moses.

Order of Moses Hods Semi-Annual Session

4-1-33

WASHINGTON — The semi-annual session of the Supreme Grand Lodge, Ancient Independent Order of Moses, was held in the New Moses Home, 1421 T Street, nw., Tuesday evening.

Twenty-three local lodges and juvenile branches were represented. The Virginia State Grand Master, A. N. Johnson, of Kinsal, Va., and committee, from the state grand lodge, were in attendance, and communications were read from the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maryland. Mrs. Carrie B. Washington, supreme grand vice, and chairman of the ways and means committee, reported $153, contributed toward the building fund campaign, and the financial secretary, R. A. Phillips, reported $269.90 received from various tabernacles.

The building fund campaign was extended to the annual session to be held next September, by which time it is expected a total of $1,000 will be received. The order owns premises at 1421 T Street, nw., on which there is a small trust. It is planned to pay this off in the near future.

The supreme grand master reported conditions in the order as encouraging. The principal work projected for the next six months is the reclaiming of delinquents, under the direction of a committee consisting of Charles C. Carter, H. M. Pugsley, Mesdames Louise J. Chloe. Willeana D. Neal, Hattie Crumpton, Ruth Piper and Emma Pettiford.

A. S. Pinkett is supreme grand master and presided at the session.

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CHICAGO HOST TO A. U. K. AND D. OF A. AUG. 7

St. Louis Argus 7-28-33. St. Louis Mo.

Committee Of One Hundred Citizens Preparing A Big Reception For Officers, Delegates And Visitors

St. Louis Argus

CHICAGO, Ill., July 28—Preparations are being made by Mrs. Eliza Jackson, State Grand Queen of Illinois and her entertainment committee of one hundred to make it pleasant for national and state grand officers, delegates and visitors who will attend the twenty-sixth annual session of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa which will meet here at Wendell Phillips High School, 39th street and Prairie avenue, Monday, August 7 to Saturday, August 12. The opening session will be featured by addresses of welcome from local citizens and responses will be made by members of the delegation.

Other features will be a public reception to delegates at the Roseland Hall.

The Chicago councils will hold a public reception for the delegates, national and state grand officers Monday evening at the Roseland Hall, 4711 South Parkway. Tuesday evening the delegates will attended King Solomon's Wedding given by the Chicago councils at Masonic Hall, 3956 S. State street Wednesday afternoon memorial service at Wendell Phillips High School. Thursday evening will attend the military ball at the 8th Regiment Armory, 35th street and Giles avenue. Friday the entire delegation and Uniform Ranks are expected to attend the Century of Progress exhibits in a body.

Missouri, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Illinois will have the largest delegations There will be several special train, chartered buses and auto parties, all coming in Sunday, August 6, from 6 a. m. to 12 mid night, from as many as thirty-one states.

The 150 delegates on the "St. Louis Special" will be headed by the National Grand Master, Ernest Patillo, who is a candidate for re-election.

The Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa has its headquarters in St. Louis and was organized twenty-six years ago by the late Wm. Herbert Fields, who served twenty-two years as its head until his death, February, 1929. Nothwithstanding the financial depression, the organization has done fine in meeting its obligations and is very optimistc as to its future.

St. Louis Mo. 7-28-33.

A. U. K. D. OF A. GRAND LODGE ENDS SESSION

Kansas City Call 8/18/33

Ernest Patillo Is Reelected Grand Master After Stormy Session

Kansas City, Mo.

CHICAGO.—Climaxed by the reelection of Grand Master Ernest Patillo of St. Louis, the grand lodge of Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa closed its twenty-sixth annual session here at Wendell Phillips high school Saturday, August 12. The convention was opened on August 7.

At the beginning of the session misleading rumors were circulated to the effect that there had been mismanagement in the affairs of the organization, a decrease in membership and unpaid death claims. The rumors were begun by forces opposing the present administration, a group of Ohioans led by Mrs. Leon C. Taylor, former state grand queen of Ohio and John A. Green, executive secretary of the Dayton, Ohio Y. M. C. A.

No Split

There was no split in the organization, however. The group of dissenters opposed the "merit system" provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws and when they found that the system would be followed in this session as it had been followed in all previous sessions, some of the Ohio delegation left the convention. But Ohio as a state kept its place in the grand council session and received its share of the officers in the election according to the "merit system," Mrs. Dora White Wallace of Cleveland having been elected state grand queen.

The ugly rumors of mismanagement were put to rest when Mrs. Ozella H. Porterfield, national secretary-treasurer, made her annual report showing that there had been no mismanagement in the affairs of the organization under the present administration and that $12,000 alone had been paid during the last year in death claims the other current expenses having been met as well.

Rev. Hurse Nominating Head

When the few Ohioans seceded from the convention Grand Master Patillo denounced the delegates declaring that Green had attended only two conventions and had never taken a helpful part in the organization and that Mrs. Taylor had been a burden of trouble and irresponsible in conducting the affairs of the order in Ohio and saddling it with unpaid bills.

The Rev. J. W. Hurse of Kansas City was chairman of the nominating committee which reported to the body the name of Patillo without opposition. The delegations from New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Kansas, Rhode Island, Missouri and Illinois stood firm for Patillo.

No motions were made during the grand sesion to elect officers by acclamation. All officers were elected on their merits.

A. U. K. D. HOLDS HOT ELECTION

Kansas City Call 8-18-33 Kansas City, Mo.

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A group of members representing a number of Eastern as well as the populous Mid-Western States, where the order has its chief membership, rebelled at the effort to re-elect Mr. Patillo by acclamation, and forced a general election, Mr. Patillo, whose home is in St. Louis, won by a slender margin.

Patillo Again Chosen as Grand Master of A. U. K. and D. of A.

Chicago Defender 8-19-33. Chicago Illinois

The Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa, with headquarters in St. Louis, Mo., closed its 26th annual grand session at the Wendell Phillips high school, 39th St. and Prairie Ave., Aug. 12. The convention lasted a week. Ernest Patillo of St. Louis, Mo., was re-elected national grand master.

In the beginning of the session, misleading rumors were circulated to the effect that mismanagement had prevailed in the affairs of the organization. It was charged that membership had decreased and unpaid death claims were on the books. These charges were brought out by disappointed office seekers.

The national secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Ozella H. Porterfield, had made her annual report showing that there was no mismanagement in the affairs of the organization under the present administration and that over $12,000 alone had been paid during the past year in death claims and other current expenses having been met as well.

No Split in Order

There was no split in the organization at this session as had been reported. There were some members from Ohio who opposed the "merit system" provided for in the constitution and by-laws and when they found out that the merit system would be followed in this session as it had been followed in all previous conventions, the Ohio delegates left the convention. But Ohio as a state kept its place in the grand council session and received its share of the officers in the election, according to the merit system under the constitution, and Mrs. Dora White Wallace of Cleveland was elected state grand queen.

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Oklahoma Sentinel 8-19-33

A. U. K. & D. of A. Holds Hot Election

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—(ANP)—The Ancient United Order of

AGAIN CHOSEN LEADER

MR. AND MRS. ERNEST PATILLO
Prominent residents of St. Louis, Mo., and nationally known in fraternal circles, who came to Chicago to attend the 26th annual conclave of the A. U. K. and D. of A. After several exciting sessions prior to the election of officers, Mr. Patillo was re-elected grand master of the lodge.

Fraternal Order Holds Heated Election Session

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Benevolent Protective Order of Reindeer, Inc.

RICHMOND MAN ELECTED HEAD OF REINDEER

WASHINGTON, — Approximate-50 delegates attended the tenth annual convention of the Benevolent Protective Order of Reindeer, Inc., which met here September 17 to 20.

The convention opened with the annual sermon at the Walker Memorial Baptist Church, with the Rev. W. A. Randolph, pastor, delivering the message.

The men of the order held their meetings in the Pythian Temple and the women conducted their meetings at the Walker Memorial Baptist Church.

After a reported successful conference the following officers were elected among the women: Princess Bessie J. Waddell, Boston, Mass., grand most noble queen; Princess Elizabeth Baker, Atlantic City, N. J., grand vice noble queen; Princess Carrie V. Jones, Asbury Park, N. J., grand financial secretary; Princess Esther Thomas, Baltimore, Md., grand recorder; Princess Rochetta Price, Richmond, Va., grand treasurer; Princess Nannie Worrell, Brooklyn, N. Y., grand chaplain; Princess Florence Caine, Washington, D. C., mistress at arms; Princess Mary L. Cooke, Newark, N. J., trustee; Princess Viola Garner, Brooklyn, N. Y., conductress.

Men Officers

Men officers elected include: Albert R. Patterson, Richmond, Va., grand dictator; Walter C. Robinson, New York City, grand vice dictator; Wirt R. Jones, Richmond, Va., financial secretary; Samuel T. Garner, assistant financial secretary; LaFirth R. Harris, Washington, D. C., treasurer; Wesley L. Geemer, Newark, N. J., grand lecturing dictator; Edward Wilkie, Boston, Mass., grand master dictator at work; S. C. Smith, Boston, grand prelate; Charles W. Norman, New York, N. Y., grand sergeant-at-arms; James Worrell, N. Y., grand organizer; Thomas S. Boone, Atlantic City, grant trustee; George A. Harper, Atlantic City, N. J., trustee; Claude Waterman, New York, trustee; William A. Dart, New Jersey, grand legal advisor; Arthur Wiliams, Richmond, Va., grand inner guard, William R. Lucas, Washington, D. C., grand outer guard.

The 1934 convention will meet in Asbury Park, N. J.

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Elks.

J. FINLEY WILSON RULER OF ELKS FOR THIRTEENTH TIME

Kansas City Call
8-25-33

Kansas City, Mo.
8-25-33

Chicago Defender
8-26-33

INDIANAPOLIS.—(Special)—To serve his thirteenth consecutive term, J. Finley Wilson was reelected grand exalted ruler of the Independent Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World at the election held Tuesday evening, August 22, on the second day of the thirty-fourth annual session of the grand lodge. He was elected by acclamation under suspension of rules.

Judge William C. Hueston was reelected commissioner of education. The treasurer and secretary were also reelected..

The election followed a day of strenuous activities on the part of the Elks. The business sessions got under way Tuesday morning in the Walker Casino. The annual grand parade was held in the afternoon and the annual grand ball was held at the Municipal auditorium Tuesday evening. The ball, at which at midnight the grand exalted ruler and Mrs. Wilson led the grand march around the ballroom floor, marked the first occasion that the city auditorium had been granted for use by the Negroes of Indianapolis.

As the parade, dubbed "Crossroads of the Nation," traversed the principal streets of the city, the brilliantly garbed entries from various parts of the country made a splendid showing.

115 Scholarships

The thirty-fourth annual grand session got under way Sunday afternoon, August 20, with the annual memorial services held at the Bethel A. M. E. church, the chaplain, George W. Avant presiding. The Rev. R. L. Pope is pastor of the church.

The order of business as outlined by the program called for the following meetings: Educational alumni classes and scholarship graduate presentation on Monday morning, under the supervision of Judge W. C. Hueston of Washington, commissioner of education

The scholarship department under Judge Hueston has granted 115 scholarships of $1,000 each, and has graduated 51 young Negroes from various schools and colleges in the country. It has expended $110,000 for these scholarships.

Welcomed by Governor

The seventh annual oratorical contest for the $1,000 national prize scholarship was held on Monday

The opening business meeting was called to order Tuesday morning, the grand lodge meeting in the Walker Casino and the Grand temple in the Jones tabernacle. After a short business meeting, both were adjourned to meet with the Colored Voters League, which drafted a resolution to President Roosevelt asking that the present administration include the Negro in its plans for national economic recovery.

On Wednesday and Thursday the business of the convention was expedited in order to allow the delegates and visitors to make a trip to Chicago to the World's Fair.

The welcome to the order was extended on Monday afternoon by Governor Paul V. McNutt, while state and local dignitaries were present. Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson accepted the welcome on behalf of the Elks.

The convention was not as pretentious as in former years, but the reports of the grand lodge officers showed that the lodges had not suffered a great decline on account of the era of depression, and that the finances of the Grand Lodge were in fair condition. All the Grand Lodge officers were present. The final business will be conducted Thursday.

World.

The Lodges convened here on Sunday with the memorial services, Grand Chaplain, George W. Avant presiding. The services were held at Bethel A. M. E. Church.

On Monday the convention was welcomed by Governor Paul V. Nutt with state and local dignitaries present.

The election was held on Thursday. Wilson was nominated by Perry Howard. He was seconded by Dr. William J. Thompkins of Kansas City, Mo. Final seconding was made by Dt. A. T. Belsaw. The lodge rules were temporarily suspended and Wilson was elected by acclamation.

Commissioner of Education, William C. Hueston, presented eight graduates of last year's classes. They were: Misses Jane Avant, Howard U.; Mary A. Hall, W. Va. State College, Dotie Bridgeforth, Tennessee College, Geneva Harrison, University of Illinois, Messrs. John M. Cox, J. C. Smith Univ., Ernest Perkins, and Wesley Rainey, Lincoln Univ. (Pa.), and Edward H. Lawson Jr., Rutgers Univ.

The scholarship department under Judge Hueston has granted 115 scholarships of $1000 each, and has graduated 51 young Negroes from various schools and colleges in the country. It has expended $11,000 for these scholarships.

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Elks Re-elect Finley Wilson By Acclamation

Governor Greets Elks at 38th Annual Parley in Indianapolis

Kansas

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. —(ANP)— J. Finley Wilson, "Little Napoleon" of Negro Elkdom, was re-elected Grand Exalted Ruler of this Grand Lodge by acclamation at the thirty-third annual convention of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the

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General

N.J. ANTI-LODGE BILL THOT WORK OF KU KLUXERS

Measure Would Bar the Orders of Similar Names from State.

LODGES 85 YEARS OLD AFFECTED

Odd Fellows, Masons, Elks, K.P.'s Protest

NEWARK, N.J.—Voicing strenuous protest against the passage of Senate Bill No. 209 now before the New Jersey Legislature, a joint committee representing seven major organizations met at 28 Beacon Street, last Wednesday, and formed a permanent organization to combat the bill which threatens the existence of colored fraternal orders.

The meeting was held in response to the call of J. W. Hudspeth, president of the Federation of Colored Organizations of New Jersey and followed a similar meeting of the executive committee of the federation with other representative race men and women in East Orange, Thursday, of last week.

Resolutions were adopted at the Federation meeting denouncing the bill and urging the formation of a joint committee with power to act in support of Assemblyman J. Mercer Burrell, of Newark, who had started the fight against the bill.

Those Attending

The following persons were present at the Wednesday meeting: Assistant U.S. Attorney Oliver Randolph, of Newark; John A. Huggs, Jr., of Paterson; C. Bion Jones of Jersey City; the Rev. F. R. Harris, of Hackensack; Mrs. W. L Brown, of East Orange; Mrs A. L. Randolph, Paterson and W P. Burrell, Sr., of Newark, representing the Federation of Colored Organizations.

Dr. Clement De Freitas, of Plainfield, Melvin Holsey, of Plainfield, and A. P. Allison, of Newark, representing the N.A.A.C.P.; James H. Fultz, Cornelius T. Bell, of Newark; W. H Foster, of Montclair and George Thompson, of Newark, representing the Elks

William H. Carter, of Newark, and John Livingstone, of Madison, representing Pythias; J. P. Anderson, of Hackensack, and J. H. P. Young, of Newark, representing the Odd Fellows; Dr. E. S. Ballou, of Montclair; J. H. Tanner, of Morristown; J. Leroy Jordan, Elizabeth beth; William Watson, Morristown; Robert Givens, William B. Puryear, William E. Page, of Newark, and H. N. Robinson, of East Orange, representing Masonic Orders.

Officers

The following were elected officers of the joint legislative committee: J. Leroy Jordan, attorney, chairman; W. P. Burrell, Sr., secretary; the Rev. F. R. Harris, assistant secretary, and William B. Puryear, treasurer. Dr. E. S. Ballou, state grand master of Prince Hall Masons, heads the mass meeting committee, composed of W. H. Carter, James H. Fultz, J. H. P. Young, J. P. Anderson, Dr. Clement De Freitas, W. P. Burrell, Sr., J. H. Tanner, William Watson, John Livingstone, John A. Huggs, Jr., A. P. Allison, W. H. Foster, Mrs. A. L. Randolph, Mrs. W. L. Bowen and Mrs. M. E. Burrell

Vice Concealed

The legal features of the bill and its present status in the legislature were explained by Assemblyman Burrell, in the principal address of the meeting. "This is a time for united action without regard to political or fraternal affiliations. When our fraternal organizations are endangered we stand to lose our strongest defense outside of the church," said the young legislator.

"This bill is insidious in that its vice is concealed under a mass of words. It provides for the registration of organizations allowing no two of similar names to be recognized.

"Common sense tells us that the big white fraternals will get in ahead of us and then our members will face fines and jail sentences for wearing their regalia or using their mottoes and rituals.

"Prompt action is necessary so that the bill does not pass the House of Assembly. Let us kill it in committee or amend it so as to destroy its vicious features."

85 Years Old

Assemblyman Burrell mentioned the fact that some of our fraternal groups had been in existence in New Jersey for more than eighty-five years, and that the relations between white and colored societies had been amicable and devoid of friction such as had appeared in other states.

Ku Klux

He felt that the bill was backed by anti-Negro groups of Ku Klux tendencies such as had been mentioned in the recent attempt to carve out a segregated white community from Lawnside, New Jersey's only municipal with all colored officials. He urged all organizations to furnish full information to the committee as to date of incorporation, number of lodges and membership in New Jersey.

Ounce of Prevention

Mr. Randolph deplored the stand taken by the legal advisers of certain organizations when they spoke of testing the constitutionality of the bill after it had passed. He said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure and the thing to do is to prevent the passage of the bill rather than waste years and much money in a court battle to prove that it is unconstitutional."

Three Rulings

Grand Master Ballou advised each organizatioin to hold mass meetings and to adopt resolutions against the bill, to be sent to Hon. Joseph Altman, chairman of the judiciary committee at the State House, Trenton. He reported that three protest meetings had been arranged. Dr. Ballou told of a trip to South Jersey where the people had already been aroused by Assemblyman Burrell and pledged the support of that section.

Letters and Telegrams

Letters and telegrams were received from George E. Bates, of East Orange; Mrs. Wilda R. Townsend, of Camden; Mrs. Bessie B. Mention, of Princeton; L. J. Hicks, of Newark; Horace Bryant, of Lawnside; the Rev. H. C. VanPelt, of Belleville; Dr. E. F. Askew, of Askew, and Mrs. Catherine Bell, of Orange. The committee plans to meet on Wednesday of each week until the fate of the bill is determined.

POINT GAINED IN ANTI-LODGE BILL FIGHT

NEWARK, N.J.—Colored citizens of New Jersey gained an important point in their fight to defeat the Woodruff anti-fraternal bill in the New Jersey legislature, last Monday.

As a result of the combined efforts of groups in all parts of the state, the measure known as Senate Bill 209, was sent back to the Senate from the House of Assembly for further consideration. The sponsor of the bill, Senator Woodruff, of Camden, introduced a concurrent resolution to recommit Bill 209 to the Senate and the resolution passed both Houses unanimously.

It is expected that the bill will either be referred to a committee of the Senate where it will remain dormant or that its dangerous features will be neutralized by amendments. Pressure is being brought to bear on the twenty members of the Senate to assure action which will definitely remove this threat to the rights of colored fraternal orders.

Organized action against the bill is being directed by a joint legislative committee representing the Federation of Colored Organizations of New Jersey, New Jersey Conference of the N.A.A.C.P., I.B.O. Elks of the World, Knights of Pythias of North, etc., Prince Hall Masons, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, American Woodmen, Baptist Ministers' Conference and other fraternal, religious and civic groups.

Hold Mass Meeting

The committee arranged a series of mass meetings where resolutions were adopted protesting against passage of the bill by the House of Assembly. Copies of these resolutions, backed up by individual letters and telegrams were sent to assembly members from all counties. Publicity in both the daily and weekly papers aroused the sentiment of New Jersey's colored population to a fever heat. Members of the assembly responded to this state-wide public demand by urging the Senators to reconsider their action in passing the obnoxious measure.

Majority Leader Joseph Altmar of Atlantic County and Assemblyman Frank M. Travaline, Jr., of Camden, joined with the lone colored legislator, J. Mercer Burrell in devising methods of blocking the progress of the bill in the House.

The majority leader had previously promised Isaac Nutter of Atlantic City that the bill would never reach the floor of the assembly without proper amendments. Members from other counties had pledged their votes against the measure if it came out of committee in its original form.

Last Monday, the halls outside of both houses of the legislature were filled with a milling crowd of colored citizens from all sections of the state who had responded to the publicity sent out by the joint committee. Legislators were buttonholed while passing and none escaped without a promise to help in the fight.

Lobby Effective

Prominent in the many conferences around the State House were Assistant United States District Attorney Oliver Randolph of Newark, who headed the lobby committee of the joint legislative group, and George Bates of East Orange, fraternal and political leader.

Senator Woodruff conferred with a number of the colored leaders as well as with members of both houses and announced that he had decided to offer the resolution to have the bill brought back to the Senate. The Senator denied any intention of injuring the colored organizations and promised to have the Senate act on the bill so as to meet the objections of the joint committee.

At its meeting last Wednesday at 28 Beacon Street, Newark, the committee received reports on the situation and commended the lobby committee on its initial success. J. Leroy Jordan, attorney, chairman of the committee urged the members to redouble their efforts as the strong lobby behind the bill might move to prevent further favorable action.

Dr. E. S. Ballou, chairman of the budget committee, pledged $25 for the Prince Hall Masons. A number of other individuals and organizations also made pledges. James H. Fultz, W. H. Simmons, Rev. W. S. Smith, A. P. Allison, J. H. P. Young and John A. Huggs Jr., comprise the committee headed by Dr. Ballou.

Mr. Jordan, Wm. B. Puryear and W. P. Burrell, Sr., are ex-officio members The committee expected to complete the quota by Wednesday, April 12. The joint committee will continue its weekly meeting at 28 Beacon Street, Newark until the bill is definitely and finally defeated or amended

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Grand United Order of Tents.

Grand United Order Tents Hold Successful Session

On May 1st, the G. U. O. T. J. R. G. J. U. met in Latta, S. C. to hold their Grand Lodge. Despite the depression and universal scarceness of money the attendance and reports were all that could be hoped for. Including officers, delegates and visiting sisters more than one hundred loyal members of the Tents attended each meeting of the session. All except those under question or those death claims had been provided for not yet due.

This was considered extraordinary considering the strenuous times. and the sisters were loudly praised for their faithfulness. Much praise was given the financial secretary, Miss N. A. McQueen for the business-like manner in which the monies of the organization are handled. Her books are always open for inspection and tally to a penny.

The National Superintendent, Mrs. A. M. Ward of Norfolk and her splendid associates, Mesdames Goode of Danville and Marshall of Portsmouth were in attendance. The God-sent women cannot be praised or thanked too much for their guidance and words of encouragement. At each session first one and then the other and some time all three would lecture the Grand Lodge on those things so important for each Tent sister to know. Everyone privileged to hear these talks were greatly helped and inspird to work for the grand old sisterhood as never before.

At the formal opening the mayor of Latta gave a hearty welcome to the Tents which was received in the same spirit.

Too much cannot be said of the superb manner in which the good people of Latta entertained this gathering. They spared no pains to make it pleasant for the visitors.

The Grand Lodge voted to come to Columbia in May 1934. It is hoped Columbia will do herself proud in entertaining her guests and Columbia can when she tries.

One of the most interesting sessions was that in which a large class was given Grand Lodge degrees. Most of this year's class were young women, strong and vigorous and anxious to fit themselves for carrying on the work of the Grand Old Order which is now eighty-seven years old and still going strong.

Sisters Chapman, Dykes, McQueen, White and Garrett were elected to attend the Supreme Lodge which is in Danville, Va. this fall. Sister Watson was elected alternate.

The officers for the new year are: Sisters Lizzie McDougal, S. M.; Nora Brunson, J. M.; Elouise Young, D. M.; Mary Rhodes, M. of C.; Hattie Romans. M. of W.; Lizzie Mixon, Cond.; Lizzie Haynes, Usher; Maggie Scott, I. T.; Retira Hockett, O. T.; Nora Cooper, R. S.; N. A. McQueen, F. S.; Maggie McDonald, I. Treas.

Executive Board—Sisters Elizabeth Brown. Pres.; A. M. Garrett, V. Pres. and Sect.; Mary Watson, Jennette White, Fannie Barr, Grace Chapman, Rosanna Ward, Edith Lewis. Ex-officio, A .M. Ward, N. S. S. D.; N. A. McQueen, Maggie McDonald.

Independent Order of Gallilean Fishermen.

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FISHERMEN ENTERTAIN GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Boston Chronicle
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At a meeting of the Independent Order of Gallilean Fishermen on Tuesday evening, January 17 at 158 West Springfield Street, St. Bartholomew Tabernacle entertained the Grand Lodge officers on their official visit. There were a number of visitors from the following Tabernacles, St. James, John, Luke and Mark. The R. W. Grand Ruler in his remarks said he was pleased to find that all the Tabernacles visited showed signs of progress and an increase in membership. This concludes for the present the official visits scheduled.

After the meeting the guests were escorted to the banquet hall by the Worthy Ruler, J. Roisten, followed by R. W. Grand Ruler Dr. Don J. Pinheiro; Past Worthy Grand Ruler, Dr. R. A. Simmons; Past Grand Deputy Sister L. Scott, and others, where a tasty repast was provided.

Several speeches and witty remarks were made by those present. A vocal solo was rendered by Bro. P. G. Sandiford.

Attorney J. S. R Bourne presented a testimonial from the members of St Bartholomew Tabernacle to Sis. L. Minter as a token of appreciation of her untiring efforts in connection with the Tabernacle. Remarks were also made by Rev. Dabbs and Alfred Haughton of the Boston Chronicle.

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Joe Herriford Reelected Head of Order of Twelve

Kansas City Star 8-25-33
Kansas City Mo.

OKLAHOMA CITY.—Joe E. Herriford, principal of the W. W. Yates school in Kansas City, Mo., was unanimously reelected to serve his fourth two-year term as international chief grand scribe of the International Order of Twelve which held its fourteenth triennial session here last week.

Mrs. Susie Dotson also of Kansas City was unanimously elected international grand queen mother of the juvenile department. Mrs. Dotson's honor came to her as a recognition of her being the presiding officer of the most outstanding subordinate Tabernacle in the country, numerically and financially.

J. S. Adair of Corsicana, Texas, was elected international chief grand mentor and Mrs. Mary Ida Ellsberry of Atlanta was made international grand high priestess.

The 1936 triennial session will be held at St. Louis where stands the tomb of Moses Dickson, founder of the order.

The Misouri delegation consisted of Joe E. Herriford, Julius A. K. Ficklin, Mrs. Callie Herriford, Miss Brownlee E. Baird, Mrs. Susie Dotson, Kansas City, Dr. James A. Rainey, Mrs. Bertha E. Rhodes, Mrs. Sarah W. Rose, Mrs. Ida Evans, Mrs. Ida Mae Bryant, St. Louis, Mrs. Amelia Lewis, Lexington, Mrs. Geneva P. Burton, Independence, Mrs. Lillian Booker, Liberty and William Green Plattsburg.

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Knights of Pythias.

Chicago Defender

Pythians Hold 27th Biennial Sessions

8-19-33

Chicago, Illinois

Delegates are here from every section of the country and from abroad to attend the 27th biennial session of the supreme lodge, Supreme Order of Calanthe, and the Dramtic Order Knights of Omar, Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, which is now in session at the National temple, 3737 State St. More than 5.000 are here for the convention.

Sir S. W. Green of New Orleans, La., supreme chancellor, is president over the supreme lodge. Dr. Charles B. Wickham of Oklahoma, supreme worthy counselor, handles the gavel in the supreme court and Sir L. W. Washington of Louisville, Ky., is conducting the sessions of the Knights of Omar.

Major Jackson Chairman

The supreme lodge entertainment committee, representing the grand lodge of Illinois, the lodges and court of Chicago and of which Maj. R. R. Jackson is general chairman; Mrs. Anna M. Grayson, vice chairman; Clark P. Crawford, secretary; Mrs. Sallie Steele, assistant secretary, and Mrs. Mary Harsh, treasurer, have arranged an elaborate program for the sessions and entertainment of the officers, delegates and visitors.

Monday night, Aug. 14, all of the branches of the order held a public exercise and joint memorial at the Ebenezer Baptist church, 45th St. and Vincennes Ave.

Tuesday at 9:30 a. m. the three branches of the order held executive sessions at the Pythian temple.

Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 16, the officers and members of the grand court of Illinois, the ladies department, attended a reception in honor of all supreme lodge and supreme court officers and delegates at the Appomattox club parlors, 3632 South Pkwy.

Wednesday night the Dokie boys entertained the members of the Knights of Omar with music, pomp and cocoanut milk.

Ball Thursday Night

The grand ball and military review will be held Thursday night, Aug. 17, at the Eighth Regiment armory. The committee has secured the best entertainers, the full First regiment band and orchestra, have provided 100 special decorated boxes and are prepared to furnish an evening of enjoyment equal to the Century of Progress.

Delegates began to arrive Sunday, Aug. 13, and were registered at the committee headquarters, 4720 South Pkwy. Mrs. Anna Grayson is chairman of the housing committee and was in charge of the quarters and information bureau. Dr. A. T. Donald is chairman of the entertainment committee and Sir W. D. Crawley is in charge of the badges. Dr. George M. Crisup is in command of the convention halls and made good his promises for a most complete and superb convention arrangement. The delegations from the 48 states and foreign countries number 5,000 and the visitors to the city will equal that number or more. This is the 54th anniversary of the order.

S. W. GREEN Still AGAIN HEADS 1933 THE PYTHIANS

Kansas City,

Supreme Lodge Holds Three Day Meeting in Chicago

CHICAGO.—(ANP) — The Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias moved quietly into the World's Fair city and opened its twenty-seventh biennial session at its magnificent building, the National Pythian temple, and closed as quietly Thursday evening.

All officers were unanimously re-elected. The closing night of the convention was climaxed with a brilliant military ball at the Eighth Infantry armory building.

The Pythian Temple commission met Monday to insure the preparations for housing the meeting of the fraternity. Tuesday morning the building was gaily decorated with flags and bunting.

The business sessions of the order began Tuesday morning and continued until Thursday. At the opening of the conference S. W. Green, supreme chancellor, presided.

The biennial report of the secretary of the endowment department read in part for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1933:

Like every business enterprise in this country, this department of the order has felt very keenly the heavy hand of the nation-wide depression.

"Many members have fallen out of the order, not from lack of love and interest, but because they could not carry on. Members have died in this time of depression as they did in days of prosperity.

"In the face of these facts the endowment department has striven earnestly to maintain its integrity, protect its members and justify their continued confidence."

The total credits for the endowment department are $168,795.40. Total death claims filed aggregated a sum of $10,090.

The names of the officers elected by a unanimous vote and installed were: S. W. Green, supreme chancellor, La.; Dr. C. B. Wickham of Oklahoma, supreme vice chancellor; the Rev. J. H. Nabrit of Ga., supreme prelate; Dr. E. Underwood of Ky., keeper of the seal; T. G. Nutter of W. Va., supreme master of exchequer; J. Allen Reese of Calif., supreme lecturer; George A. Watty of Md., past supreme chancellor; Dr. W. O. Taylor of Mass., supreme master at arms; Dr. C. P. McClendon of N. Y., supreme medical registrar; S. A. T. Watkins of Illinois, supreme attorney; Robert R. Jackson, major general of the uniform rank department; J E. Smith of Texas, supreme inner guard; H. A. White of Iowa, outer guard; F. B. Smith of La., assistant supreme keeper of records.

The members of the commission elected for the Pythian Temple and the 400,000 sanitarium in Hot Springs, Ark., are Lee of Crawford of N. Y.; W. H. Randolph of Miss.; J. R. Jefferson of W. Va.; S. D. McGill of Fla.; H. M. St. Clair, Md.; W. H. Porter of Indiana. Edward D. Green of Illinois is secretary of that body.

The members of the finance committee elected were: Robert Zeno of New York, and W. F. Cozart of N. J.

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Masons.

Scottish Rite Masons Supreme Council To Meet In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, April 20—The 52nd annual session of the United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons (Prince Hall Affilation) of the Northern Jurisdiction will be held on Monday, May 8th, in the Cathedral of the organization in Philadelphia. Owing to many matters of importance coming up for consideration at this session, it was not possible to pass the usual annual meeting as had been contemplated. It has been decided, however, to hold only a one day session instead of the usual two days.

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filiation) of the northern jurisdiction, held in the cathedral of the order in Fitzwater St. May 8, had as large attendance of members as usual due to the attendance of larger numbers from the eastern part of the jurisdiction.

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In his annual allocution the sovereign grand commander of Illinois, Sumner A. Furniss of Indianapolis, Ind., urged the membership to further united effort. "Discouragement," he said, "is a cure for nothing. We must resolutely carry on and face the problems of the future, undaunted and unafraid. With our organization united as never before, losses in membership and finances need not, nor will they, deter us from greater accomplishments in the future."

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS HOLD ANNUAL SESSION

Recorder

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 15.—(Special)—Many important modifications of Scottish Rite laws were made at the Annual session of the United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons (Prince Hall Affiliation) of the Northern Jurisdiction held here last week.

In his annual Allocution Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, 33° Indianapolis, sovereign grand commander, who returned home last Friday, made a plea for greater united effort on the part of the Membership in the face of the present economical stringency. "Discouragement," he said, "is a cure for nothing." "We must resolutely carry on and face problems of the future, undaunted and unafraid with our organization united as never before, losses in Membership and finance need not, nor will they deter us from greater accomplishments in the future."

Although many delegates from the father sections of the Jurisdiction were absent actual attendance was reported as moral, due to the large attendance of Eastern members.

MASONS HOLD MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA

Defender

Scottish Rite Group Ends Big Session

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Planet

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MASONIC MEETING LARGELY ATTENDED---NEW LEGISLATION PROPOSED

Birmingham Reporter

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., July 20.—Special Wire.—The fifty-fifth annual session of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Alabama, Walter T. Woods, Grand Master, is winding up today one of the most interesting sessions of its history.

The Grand Lodge opened here Tuesday morning, July 18th, and lost no time in getting down to the business of the session.

Reports from officers showed the organization to be in splendid condition, with a large membership roll, in spite of the distressing financial conditions so general over the country. The delegation is surprisingly large, and all sessions are well attended.

Today, Thursday, is being given to legislation, a number of new laws for the progressive operation of the Order have been proposed, salaries and expenses have been cut and indications point to a fine piece of work by this Grand session.

The Election

One of the most interesting features of the Grand Lodge centered in the election of officers and its final outcome. Grand Master Woods, who has served as head of the organization for a number of years, was known to have opposition in some quarters of the state, when the election came on the Grand Master was opposed by F. H. Manley of Tuskegee Institute. The results showed Walter Thomas Woods to have won the election as Grand Master by a large majority.

All other officers were re-elected, some of them having opposition, among these were P. D. Davis of Birmingham, Grand Secretary, who was opposed for this office by P. H. Randall and W. L. Lee. Mr. Davis was re-elected, and the official roster stands as before with the following officers:

W. T. Woods, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Birmingham; Attorney Charles V. Hendley, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Huntsville; F. G. Hill, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Montgomery; A. P. Mack, Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, Tuskegee Inst.; P. D. Davis, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Birmingham; A. H. Williams, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, Union Springs; Dr. G. W. Mitchell, Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain, Birmingham; C. W. Peters, Secretary of Endowment, Birmingham; E. T. Belsaw, Treasurer of Endowment, Mobile; Dr. L U. Goin, Grand Medical Examiner, Birmingham; J. B. Baker, Hobson City; W. H. Ward, Montgomery; E. G. Humphrey, Grand Lecturers.

SHRINERS ELECT OFFICERS AT PITTSBURGH

Recorder

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 18.—(ANP)—Imperial Potentate Harry Knight of New York City was re-elected at the 33rd annual session of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine here this week. Other officers elected were:

Deputy Imperial Potentate, A.W. Brazier, New Orleans; La.; John H. Murphy, Jr., Baltimore, Md., imperial [illegible]; Charles D. Freeman, Washington, D. C., imperial treasurer; Isaac H. Carper, Charleston, W. Va., imperial high priest and prophet; Thomas H. Williams, Jersey City, N J., imperial recorder; Raymond King, Evansville, Ind., imperial Oriental guide.

In the women's department the Grand Court of the Daughters of Isis, Mrs. Alice E. Campbell of New York was elected Imperial Grand Commandress; Sallye M. Stockton Washington, imperial first comman

Grand Encampment after foregoing elected president of the International Conference of Grand Masters

its last meeting. Sir Albert Lee in session.

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 15.—(Special)—Many important modifications of Scottish Rite laws were made at the Annual session of the United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons (Prince Hall Affiliation) of the Northern Jurisdiction held here last week.

In his annual Allocution Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, 33 Indianapolis, sovereign grand commander, who returned home last Friday, made a plea for greater united effort on the part of the Membership in the face of the present economical stringency. "Discouragement," he said, "is a cure for nothing." "We must resolutely carry on and face problems of the future, undaunted and unafraid with our organization united as never before, losses in Membership and finance need not, nor will they deter us from greater accomplishments in the future."

Although many delegates from the father sections of the Jurisdiction were absent actual attendance was reported as moral, due to the large attendance of Eastern members.

MASONS HOLD MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA

Scottish Rite Group Ends Big Session

PHILADELPHIA, May 19.—The 52d annual session of the United supreme council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons (Prince Hall affiliation) of the northern jurisdiction, held in the cathedral of the order in Fitzwater St. May 8, had as large attendance of members as usual due to the attendance of larger numbers from the eastern part of the jurisdiction.

A number of important modifications of Scottish Rite laws were made. Memorial exercises were held for 13 peers who have died since the last session.

The following were initiated honorary members of the supreme council to fill vacancies existing: Maj. R. R. Wright, Philadelphia; Robert L. Van, Pittsburgh; Dr. Edward G. Griffin, Chicago; E. M. Williams, Bridgeport, Cann., and John O. Hopkins, Wilmington, Del. The following were crowned active members of the supreme council: Harry E. Davis, Cleveland, Ohio; W. T. Poole, Pittsburgh, and Fredrick B. Gray, New Haven, Conn.

In his annual allocution the sovereign grand commander of Illinois, Sumner A. Furniss of Indianapolis, Ind., urged the membership to further united effort. "Discouragement," he said, "is a cure for nothing. We must resolutely carry on and face the problems of the future, undaunted and unafraid. With our organization united as never before, losses in membership and finances need not, nor will they, deter us from greater accomplishments in the future."

Scottish Rite Masons Hold Meeting

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MASONIC MEETING LARGELY ATTENDED---NEW LEGISLATION PROPOSED

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., July 20.—Special Wire.—The fifty-fifth annual session of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Alabama, Walter T. Woods, Grand Master, is winding up today one of the most interesting sessions of its history.

The Grand Lodge opened here Tuesday morning, July 18th, and lost no time in getting down to the business of the session.

Reports from officers showed the organization to be in splendid condition, with a large membership roll, in spite of the distressing financial conditions so general over the country. The delegation is surprisingly large, and all sessions are well attended.

Today, Thursday, is being given to legislation, a number of new laws for the progressive operation of the Order have been proposed, salaries and expenses have been cut and indications point to a fine piece of work by this Grand session.

The Election

One of the most interesting features of the Grand Lodge centered in the election of officers and its final outcome. Grand Master Woods, who has served as head of the organization for a number of years, was known to have opposition in some quarters of the state, when the election came on the Grand Master was opposed by F. H. Manley of Tuskegee Institute. The results showed Walter Thomas Woods to have won the election as Grand Master by a large majority.

All other officers were re-elected, some of them having opposition, among these were P. D. Davis of Birmingham, Grand Secretary, who was opposed for this office by P. H. Randall and W. L. Lee. Mr. Davis was re-elected, and the official roster stands as before with the following officers:

W. T. Woods, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Birmingham; Attorney Charles V. Hendley, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Huntsville; F. G. Hill, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Montgomery; A. P. Mack, Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, Tuskegee Inst.; P. D. Davis, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Birmingham; A. H. Williams, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, Union Springs; Dr. G. W. Mitchell, Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain, Birmingham; C. W. Peters, Secretary of Endowment, Birmingham; E. T. Belsaw, Treasurer of Endowment, Mobile; Dr. L U. Goin, Grand Medical Examiner, Birmingham; J. B. Baker, Hobson City; W. H. Ward, Montgomery; E. G. Humphrey, Grand Lecturers.

SHRINERS ELECT OFFICERS AT PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 18.—(ANP)—Imperial Potentate Harry Knight of New York City was re-elected to the high office in Scottish Rite Masonry at the 33rd annual session of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine here this week. Other officers elected were:

Deputy Imperial Potentate, A.W. Brazier, New Orleans; La.; John H. Murphy, Jr., Baltimore, Md., imperial [illegible] Jefferson, Chicago, Ill., imperial assistant rabban; Charles D. Freeman, Washington, D. C., imperial treasurer; Isaac H. Carper, Charleston, W. Va., imperial high priest and prophet; Thomas H. Williams, Jersey City, N .J., imperial recorder; Raymond King, Evansville, Ind., imperial Oriental guide.

In the women's department the Grand Court of the Daughters of Isis, Mrs. Alice E. Campbell of New York was elected Imperial Grand Commandress; Sallye M. Stockton Washington, imperial first comman

dress; T. Carter Brown, St. Louis Mo., imperial second lieutenant commandress; Laura Henson, Balin timore, imperial grand treasurer.

Grand Encampment after foregoing its last meeting. Sir Albert Lee elected president of the International Conference of Grand Masters

private life, secretary to the president of the University of Halso in session.

The Knights Templar held its session, presided.

Fred W. Dadbney of Mo., was

150 SHRINERS IN SESSION AT PITTSBURGH

NEW SHRINE OFFICERS

PITTSBURG, Pa. — Imperial Council officers elected Wednesday were: Imperial potentate, Harry Knight, New York City; deputy imperial potentate, A. W. Brazier, New Orleans, Louisiana; imperial chief rabban, John H. Murphy, Jr., Baltimore, Md.; imperial assistant rabban, Stewart C. Jefferson, Chicago, Ill.; imperial high priest and prophet, Isaac H. Carper, Charleston, W.Va.; imperial recorder, Thomas H. Williams, Jersey City, N.J.; imperial treasurer, Charles D. Freeman, Washington, D.C.; imperial Oriental guide, Raymond King, Evanston, Ind.; first ceremonial master, Frank Brown, Cincinnati, Ohio; second ceremonial master, R. Hill Brown, Jersey City, N.J.; captain guard, D. A. Oliver, Ft. Worth, Texas; outer guard, Ira Johns, Cleveland, Ohio; Samuel H. Crowder, Alabama, re-elected president, international conference, Royal Arch Masons.

Officers elected by Imperial Grand Courts, Daughters of Isis, were: Alice E. Campbell, New York, imperial grand commandress; Sallie M. Stockton, Washington, D.C.; imperial first lieut.-commandress; T. Carter Brown, St. Louis, Mo., imperial second lieu-commandress; Laura Henson, Baltimore, imperial grand treasurer.

[By Wire]

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—With 150 delegates from 21 states and with Imperial Potentate Harry Knight presiding, the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine opened their 33rd session here, Sunday.

The session was held in the Pythian Temple on Center Avenue and was preceded by a joint memorial service at Warren M.E. Church, Sunday evening, August 13.

The morning session was devoted to the reading of the address of the imperial potentate, recorder and treasurer. Following the appointment of committees, the session adjourned until 8 p.m.

At 8:30 addresses of welcome were made by the Hon. John Herron, Mayor, and the Hon. Walter E. Beckett, Grand Master of Masons ni Pennsylvania. John H. Murphy, Jr., of Baltimore, responded.

Other speakers on the program included the Rev. S. E. Dixon, Mrs. Roberta Lyle, Assistant Attorney-General Robert L. Vann, Herbert Miller of the Y.M.C.A., Sir P. J. Clyde Randall, attorney; A. A. Clark, Albert R. ee, Mrs. Mamie Wilson, Mrs. Minnie V. Johnson and Mrs. Alice Campbell.

Grand Encampment

The second triennial session of the Grand Encampment of K.T. held its opening session Tuesday morning, with Sir Albert Lee, of Champaign, Ill., its president, presiding.

The Grand Masters' Council held its conference Monday afternoon, presided over by Rt. W. John L. Hubert, of Wilmington, Del., its president.

The session of the International Council of Royal Arch Masons was presided over by M. E. Comp. S. H. Crowder, of Alabama. The female bodies of the adopted rites, held their sessions Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The usual spectacular parade of the Mystic Shrine, was called off, as well as the competitive drill and Field Day of the Knights Templars.

Indications point to the re-election of Harry Knight, Albert R. Lee and Mrs. Alice Campbell as heads of their respective orders.

Grand Masters' Conference.

The International Conference of Grand Masters met in the Pythian Temple, Tuesday with P.G.M. John L. Hubert, of Delaware, presiding and Alvin Stanley, Grand Secretary of Maryland, acting secretary. Following reports of committees, Bro. Walter C. Beckett, Grand Master of Symbolic Masonry, of Pennsylvania and Comp. F. Q. Adams, M.E. Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania, addressed the conference.

Participating also were: John L. Hubert, P.G.M., Delaware; Charles D. Freeman, G. Secretary of D.C.; William H. Perry, Sr., P.G. Senior Warden, Kentucky; D. A. Oliver, P.G. Treasurer, Texas; Walter C. Beckett, R.W. Grand Master, Pennsylvania; John W. Barnes, P.G.M. Virginia; J. R. A. Crossland, P.D. G.M., Missouri; Isaac M. Carper, P.G. G.M., West Virginia; Fred W. Dabney, R.W.G.M., Missouri; A. R. Lee, P.M., Illinois; S. H. Crowder, P.M. Alabama; F. Q. Adams, P.M., Pennsylvania; Charles E. Gordon, P.M., Ohio; A. W. Brazier, P.M., Louisiana; Alvin Stanley, Baltimore; John H. Murphy, Jr., P.M., Baltimore.

The conference agreed to recommend to all Masonic jurisdictions observance of birth of Prince Hall, founder of Freemasonry among Negroes, 1784, September 29, and recommended that the meeting be changed to bi-ennial instead of tri-ennial.

The following officers were elected: Fred W. Dabney, president Mo.; Walter C. Beckett first vice-president, Pa.; J. W. Barnes, second vice-president, Va.; John L. Hubert, secretary, Dela.; Isaac M. Carper, treasurer, W.Va.

Grand Encampment Elect.

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templars elected the following officers:

Grand Master, Albert R. Lee, Illinois; Grand Generalissimo, Joseph Minor, District of Columbia; Grand Captain General, William S. Lewis, Pennsylvania; Grand Senior Warden, Charles E. Gordon, Ohio; Grand Junior Warden, A. W. Brazier, Louisiana; Grand Treasurer, Henry Kennard, Maryland; Grand Recorder, W. H. Perry, Kentucky; Grand Standard Bearer, R. W. Jeffries, Michigan; Grand Sword Bearer, Daniel Graham, Indiana; Grand Warder, C. C. Campbell, West Virginia; Grand Prelate, William Butler, New York; Grand Guards, C. D. Freeman, Shedrick Goode, and J. Thomas.

Following appointment of committees, the Grand Marshall, Sir A. R. Lee, delivered his tri-ennial address. Conference called off to allow committees opportunity to function.

Those registered as delegates and visitors were:

District of Columbia.

Mrs. Amanda Butler, Mrs. Alzada Freeman, Mrs. Susie Lowery, Mrs. Sara Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. Bert McCoy, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Mary R. Wilson, Mrs. Henrietta Berry, Mrs. Maggie Davis, Mrs. Florence Gaskins, Mrs. Sallie M. Stockton, Mrs. Alberta Johnson.

Nobles: James Miner, E. G. Hubert, C. L. Roscoe, M. W. Spencer, T. M. Dent, C. D. Freeman.

Ohio.

Charles E. Gordon, Cleveland; Frank Brown, Cincinnati; John W. Dent, Cleveland; Howard S. Jackson, Cleveland; Ira P. Johns, Cleveland; Mrs. Ozetta Pollard, Cleveland.

Maryland.

George F. Mason, Mrs. Hattie Wood, Mrs. Eleanor Mitchell, Mrs. Laura Henson, Mrs. Irene Green, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. William N. Cornish, Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell.

Indiana.

Raymond King.

Virginia.

J. R. Hobson, John J. Randolph, William M. Johnson, Bailey Wren.

Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McKay.

Texas.

D. A. Oliver.

New Jersey.

R. Hill Brown, St. Elmo Davenport, Harry J. Simms, Mrs. L. B. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Musson, Thomas H. Williams.

West Virginia.

Isaac M. Carper, Sarah J. Campbell, Robert Stevens.

New York.

Eva May Osborne, Alice Campbell, Lillian Campbell, Lauthia Dennis, Irene Henry, Cora Alston, Mr. and Mrs. James Branson, Mrs. Bettie De Toscana, Raymond E. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Paris.

Tennessee.

Mrs. Rosa Barnes, Mrs. Stella A. Martin.

Delaware.

Major Dupree, John L. Hubert.

Illinois.

Mrs. Corabel Barrett, W. H. Jones, Stewart Jefferson, Adolph Simms, Sandy W. Price, Albert R. Lee, Mrs. Lottie Murphy Johnson, H. J. Wells, James White.

Connecticut.

Freelent B. Gray, Alonza Hunter.

Missouri.

Mrs. Lillian J. Brown, Mrs. T. Carte Brown, Bessie E. Coleman, J. R. A. Crossland, Fred Dabney, Lillie E. Loving.

Louisiana.

A. W. Brazier.

Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Emma Banks, V. M. Johnson, Walter C. Beckett, A. P. T. Stephenson, Mrs Mary Street, Mrs. Katherine F. Burnett Alice E. Saunders.

Kentucky.

W. R. Perry, Amy V. Stockton.

Rhode Island.

William H. Bland, William A. Heathman John R. Brooks.

Alabama.

S. H. Crowder.

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National Ideal Benefit Societies.

National Ideals, Meet In Petersburg Tuesday

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The stage is all set for the opening of the 21st annual convention of the National Ideal Benefit Society in Petersburg, Va., September 5, 6 and 7, in the Zion Baptist Church on Burns Street near Halifax. The local committee of that city, headed by Mrs. Nannie Bracy, announces that everything is in order and Petersburg is waiting to receive the Ideal representatives that will come from the North, South, East and West to participate in what promises to be one of the best conventions held by the Order. Vanguards of this convention will begin to reach the city Monday evening, September 4, among which will be the board of directors, which will go into session at 6:30 P. M. At this meeting the executive committee will make its report to the directors, which will make a minute examination of the affairs of the Order.

Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock the Supreme Lodge will convene, with Supreme Master A. W. Holmes presiding. Supreme Master Holmes has to his credit a unique record in that he has presided over this body for twenty-one consecutive years without a break. Rev. J. B. Brown, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, will welcome the officers and delegates on the part of his church. Rev. C. C. Boone, returned missionary from Africa, will respond. Fraternal greetings by the delegation and the appointment of committees will bring to a close the first session of the convention.

Tuesday afternoon's session will be featured by the reports of the Supreme Lodge officers. The public welcome will take place on Tuesday night. His Honor Mayor J. R. Jolly will welcome the officers, delegates and visitors to the city of Petersburg. Mrs. M. V. Jones will speak words of welcome on behalf of the Supreme Lodge. Rev. E. E. Miller, pastor of the St. Stephen Episcopal Church, will welcome the convention on behalf of the churches of Petersburg. Mr. Linwood W. Brown, of Richmond, will respord. The Ideal Chorus, of Petersburg, will furnish music for all of the sessions of the convention.

The Wednesday morning session will be sponsored by the Ideal Nursery Guardian Convention presided over by Mrs. Fannie H. Ricks, of West Philadelphia. Here you will have an opportunity to take a look into the junior department of the Order. The annual reports of the president, Mrs. Fannie H. Ricks, and the secretary, Miss Jessie B. Taylor, of Philadelphia, will be made. Miss Ola M. Smith, of Richmond, will address this convention.

The convention will be entertained on Wednesday night with a quartet contest. The following quartets will participate: "St. Joseph," "The Holy Four." Miss Christine Trotter, Mrs. Rowlett Farley and Mr. Dorsey Watson wil lalso appear on the program with so'.s sand a reading.

The outstanding feature of the Thursday morning session will be the address of the Supreme Master on the field work of the Order and a report on the Spring and Summer Membership Drive by Deputy Amos C. Clark.

At 4:30 Thursday afternoon the Supreme Officers, delegates and visitors of the convention will be taken on an inspection tour of some of the historic scenes in and around Petersburg. Mrs. M. A. Morrisett, of Philadelphia, will be the principal speaker at the Thursday night's session. Following this address the Supreme Lodge officers will be installed. The convention will close with the Petersburg District serving as hosts to the officers, delegates and visitors to the 21st annual session of the Order in a reception.

A. W. HOLMES
Supreme Grand Master, National Ideal Society, who will preside at 21st annual meeting of the society in Petersburg, Va., September 4-7.

Many Delegates Expected To National Ideal Convo

Norfolk Va.

Supreme Master A. W. Holmes To Preside For 22nd Year Over Meeting of Order

9-9-33

PETERSBURG, Va.—The stage is all set for the opening here of the Twenty-first annual convention of the National Ideal Benefit Society, which will meet September 5, 6 and 7 in the Zion Baptist church, Burn street, near Halifax.

The local committee, headed by Mrs. Nannie Bracy announces that Petersburg is waiting to receive the Ideal representatives who will come from all sections of the country to what promises to be one of the best conventions held by the order.

The board of directors will convene at 6:30 p. m. Monday, at which time the executive committee will make its report to the directors who in turn will make a minute examination of the affairs of the order.

Presiding For 22nd Year

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The convention will be entertained on Wednesday night with a quartet contest, with the following groups participating: "St. Joseph," "Magnolia," and "The Holy Four." Miss Christine Trotter, Mrs. Rowlett Farley, and Dorsey Watson will also appear on the program with solos and a reading.

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EASTERN STARS CLOSE SESSION

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., July 20.—Special.—The Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star of Alabama closed its annual session here Wednesday, following the re-election of Mrs. Janie M. Balasco of Mobile as Grand Matron and the entire cabinet was returned to office, with the exception of Rev. I. C. H. Champney of Montgomery, whose place was filled by the election of Rev. U. J. Robinson of Mobile.

Reports from Grand officers showed the organization in a healthy condition. The attendance was large.

Officers elected are Mrs. J. M. Balasco, Mobile, Grand Worthy Matron; Mrs. H. D. Davidson, Centerville, A. G. M.; Rev. I. H. Rose, Wetumpka, Grand Worthy Patron; Rev. U. J. Robinson, Mobile, A. G. P.; Mrs. Eunita M. Taylor, Mobile, Grand Treasurer of Endowment; Mrs. Amanda Haygood, Birmingham, Grand Secretary of Endowment; Mrs. L. R. Burwell, Selma, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Agnes Moore, Montgomery, Grand Treasurer.

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Order of St. Luke

NEW JERSEYITE ELECTED GRAND CHIEF OF ORDER OF ST. LUKE'S. MRS. MAGGIE L. WALKER AGAIN CHOSEN SECRETARY-TREASURER; 1935 SESSION IN RICHMOND

Mayor J. Fulmer Bright Welcomes Delegates In Person

Richmond Bureau
504 N. Third St.

RICHMOND—The Independent Order of Saint Luke closed one of the most successful conventions the order has ever held last Thursday after a four-day session of both juveniles and adults. The reports of officers showed that the order had made appreciable financial and numerical gains and that the order has had a steady and continued growth in spite of the economic and financial depression.

Another feature adding to the success of the meeting was the presence of Mayor J. Fulmer Bright in person to extend the welcome of the city at the public meeting Monday evening.

Mayor Bright paid tribute to Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, secretary-treasurer of the order; to the Consolidated Bank and Trust Company; to the achievements of the Negro soldier, and to the general progress of the race, but he received his greatest ovation when he pointed out that the enlargement of the Armstrong High School was the first project to be tackled under the city's public works program.

Introduces Mayor

The mayor was introduced by Mrs. Anne E. Rice, right worthy grand chief. Others on the program were Dr. A. W. Brown and Miss Leah V. Lewis, who gave words of welcome, and Mrs. Louise D. Simms, of New York, who responded. The annual sermon was preached by Dr. C. C. Scott, pastor of Fifth Street Baptist Church.

The 66th annual and 8th biennial meeting of the Order opened on Monday with the convening of the Matrons' Council, presided over by John S. Savage, of New York. Welcome addresses were delivered by little Miss Evelyn Saunders, Mrs. Annie Miles and Miss Martha L. Smith, dean of Hartshorn College, Virginia Union University.

Miss Maria E. Burke, R. W. G. Dictress of the Juvenile Department, delivered her annual address, which was followed by the annual address of Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, R. W. G. Matron of the department.

Gains Through Economy

It was shown throughout the series of officers' reports that the gains made during the past year were possible only by the exercise of the strictest economy and the exercise of care and skill in the handling of the organization's affairs.

The afternoon session Monday opened with a giant parade starting in front of the Home Office building, 900 Saint James Street, and which marched to the Sixth Mount Zion Church over a circuitous route. Music was furnished by the Virginia Manual Labor

Juniors Play Important Role At 66th Annual Convention

School Boy's Band, W. B. Layton superintendent, and the Boy Scouts of Richmond.

At the church, music and devotionals were followed by the presentation of an interesting educational pageant, "The Erection of the Temple of Progress," written by the R. W. G. Juvenile Dictress Miss Maria E. Burke. The pageant was presented by Mrs. Lizzie W. Pollard, supported by a committee composed of Misses Marietta O. Johnson, Miriam Frasier, Mesdames Mamie T. King, Mamie R. Dawson and Cora E. Hill. Mrs. Mamie T. King was in charge of costumes, and Miss Edith Ammons was pianist.

Following the persentation of the pageant and other routine business the juvenile officers for the biennial were installed.

Juveniles Parade

Miss Eugertha B. Johnson served as marshall for the Saint Luke Juvenile parade in which all grand officers of the Juvenile Department and approximately 400 children took part.

Monday's session closed the work of the Juvenile department. On Tuesday the sessions of the adult department began, with Mrs. Annie E. Rice, R. W. G. Chief, presiding, and delegates from states present.

Memorial services were conducted for R. H. Cooley, the Rev. W. D. White, James E. Shields, A. F. Angel, Mrs. Mildred E. McCormick and Mrs. Mattie F. Graham, deceased members, on Wednesday.

Following a harmonious convention, with no oustanding conflicts,

Memorial Services Held For The Departed Of Order

the delegates elected officers shortly before adjourning on Thursday. Those given office are as follows:

R. W. grand chief, James H. Dickerson, New Jersey; R. W. G. vice-chief, Sarah H. Page, West Virginia; R. W. G. secretary-treasurer, Maggie L. Walker, Virginia; R. W. G. messenger, Harry J. White, New York; R. W. G. prelate, D. S. Woolfolk, Virginia; R. W. G. inside sentinel, Flora C. Hayes, Pennsylvania; R. W. G. outside sentinel, Harry Braxton, Virginia.

The Board of Trustees include the following:

O. J. Allen, Virginia; Ollie Q. Brown, New Jersey; Josephine D Cannady, W. Va.; George W. Coleman Virginia; Sarah E. Collier, Illinois; Francis Cox, Virginia; Sallie W. Dickerson, Virginia; R. H. Jones, Virginia; Josie A. Graham, Pennsylvania; Junius Gray, Maryland; J. Thomas Hewin, Virginia; W. H. Hughes, Virginia W. T. Johnson, Virginia; Florence McCoy, Georgia; M. M. Peace, District of Columbia; Sallie B. Pree, Virginia; George H. Sims, New York Ella O. Waller, Virginia; and Rosa E Watson, Virginia.

Juvenile Officers

Grand officers of the Juvenile Department are as follows:

R. W. G. matron, Maggie L. Walker; juvenile directress, Maria E Burke; R. W. G. deputy patron, John S. Savage; R. W. grand vice-matron, Lavalna B. Scott; R. W. G. messenger. Ella O. Waller, Rosa E. Watson, and Marietta O. Johnson; advisory board. Mary V. Binga.

The next biennial meeting of the order will be held in Richmond in the vear 1935.

Reelected

After receiving many warm greetings and tributes for her years of devoted and efficient guardianship of the funds of the order of St. Luke, through the office of secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker was again given the high post by the delegates to the 66th annual and eighth biennial convention.

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Order of Moses.

ORDER OF MOSES SHOWS ASSETS OF $62,746

WASHINGTON. — The National Supreme Grand Lodge of Moses convened in its 56th annual session, Tuesday, at the Moses Home, 1421 T Street, northwest, with delegates from Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, representing a membership of 2,000.

The opening session was featured by addresses from the following visitors: W. H. C. Brown, president of the Industrial Savings Bank; Mr. Lewis, head of department of commerce and finance at Howard University; W. H. Fitzhugh, [illegible] grand master of G.U.O. of O.F.; the Rev. J. Harvey Randolph, D.D., pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church; A. T. Johnson, grand master of the Virginia State Grand Lodge of Moses.

The session was presided over by Archibald S. Pinkett, grand master, assisted by Mrs. Carrie B. Washington, grand vice. The principal response was made by Mrs. Mollie Flagg, deputy for Massachusetts and Connecticut.

The reception Tuesday night was largely attended. Flashlight pictures were taken. Wednesday and Thursday were devoted to reports of the various officers and committees. The economic condition of the country has had some ebect on some parts of the order; yet it has made appreciable advances.

The order owns the beautiful and spacious home at 1421 T Street valutd at $2',000, where the various units meet. Reports from the various jurisdictions show assets totaling $62.746.87. The session closes Thursday with election of officers.

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Order of St. Luke

Saint Luke Ready For 66th Annual Session August 21

"On to Richmond" is the slogan of the army of St. Luke's which is mobilizing to meet on Richmond for the 66th annual and the eighth biennial meeting of the Right Worthy Grand Council, I. C. St. Luke, which will convene in this city August 21 to August 24, inclusive. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the famous Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church, [illegible] the Rev. I. A. [illegible] is pastor, and the indications are that the 1933 convention will be epoch-making in the history of this old organization.

Grand Chief to Preside

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Mrs. Walker Busy

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Social Program Full

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ARTHUR W. MITCHELL

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Prepare for Conclave

The report showed 52 active chapters and 13 inactive chapters, making a total of 65 chapters with memberships of about 6,000, more than 5,000 of whom belong to the active chapters.

Much business was transacted preparatory to the holding of the conclave next December. The following cities were considered as the next meeting place for the conclave: St. Louis, Mo., Washington, D. C., New Orleans, La., and Nashville, Tenn., with strong odds in favor of New Orleans.

The president spoke very forcibly on the practical program now being followed by the Sigma fraternity as contrasted with the highly social program characteristic of many of the other fraternities and sororities. A letter from Dr. R. R. Moton, a member of the fraternity, was read in which his approval of the practical program of the fraternity was expressed in strong terms.

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Spirited business sessions resulted in the election of officers, authorization of new chapters and the adoption of a date set for the next conclave.

West Virginia State College, possessing one of the most beautiful campuses in the country, played her first role as host to a national Greek letter fraternity and lent every possible aid in making this convention an achievement. President John W. Davis of State College, although not a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, zealously aided in preparation for the conclave and appears elated over its success.

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Representatives of the national fraternity will hold their next conclave at the World Fair, Chicago, August 27-31.

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The social festivities, rivaling all past conclaves, were attended by throngs of notable personages and embodied the holiday gaiety. Lovely and beautifully gowned ladies, for which West Virginia State College is famous, were present in large numbers on every blithesome occasion.

Bridge luncheons, teas, stags and swanky formal, dawn and breakfast dances featured the social calendar. Other fraternities and sororities on the campus joined with Tau, local Kappa chapter and host, in promoting rare entertainment for the delegation and their friends. The 22nd annual grand prom at the popular Peacock Gardens, near Charleston, culminated the formal social activities.

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FRATERNITY AIDS NEGRO STUDENTS

'Guide Right Week' Starts Here Today Under Kappa Alpha Psi Auspices

BANKER TO GIVE ADDRESS

By JOSEPH V. BAKER

The Negro student and his interests, as well as the problems facing him in colleges throughout the country, becomes the special concern this week in Philadelphia. The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity today begins its annual "Guide Right Week," a period devoted to the encouragement of Negro students and toward the creation of increased general interest in higher education.

Through its chapters in various cities, as well as its undergraduate chapters in colleges and universities, the fraternity is sending a message of group achievement by having prominent men speak to high school and college students and community organizations sponsored by parent-teacher associations.

Major R. R. Wright, Sr., president of the Citizens and Southern Bank and former president of Georgia State College, will be the main speaker at the meeting in the Southwest Y. W. C. A. Building, 1605 Catharine street, at 3 P. M., under direction of the Philadelphia alumni chapter.

Major Wright's Subject

In announcing its selection of the bank president, the fraternity said that he not only represented the organization's ideal of achievement, but also that his many years' experience as an educator has established him as an authority on Negro student problems. Major Wright will speak on "The Principles of Youth Guidance."

The fraternity's "Guide Right Week" follows a three-day conference on "Negro Student Problems" in Columbia University, New York, during Easter holidays. More than 200 Negro and white students from all sections of the country were in attendance and spent upward of thirty hours in actual group discussion of various school problems from the student's point of view.

As guests of Columbia University and under the direction of M. Moran Weston, of Union Theological Seminary, the group focused its attention especially upon the need of increased co-operation between white and Negro students in mixed colleges, and between faculties and students in Negro schools. The conference was opened with addresses by Dr. E. Franklin Frasier, of the department of sociology, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., and Arthur Huff Fauset, of Philadelphia.

Following the discussion periods, from which a number of Negro representatives retired because of the obvious undercurrent of Communistic propaganda, the body drew up a number of resolutions, foremost among which was one urging greater interracial co-operation among students and a more sympathetic attitude on the part of white instructors toward Negro students. Clarice Dreer, of the University of Pennsylvania, and Miriam Ellison, Temple University, represented Philadelphia.

Social Students Restricted

And while these meetings were being held in interest of Negro students, Forrester M. Washington, former head of a social agency here and now president of the Atlanta School of Social Work, caused a ripple in Negro college circles by sending out a general request to school heads that they recommend only "the best qualified students for social work training."

In clarifying the position taken by the Atlanta school in making the request and limiting the number of students for the new terms to fifty, Mr. Washington wrote:

"The reason we are so insistent upon the quality of student material is that our graduates work with the most precious commodity in the world, namely human beings. Mistakes are much more serious in dealing with human beings than in dealing with inanimate material in industry and business."

He also stressed the urgent need of social work among Negroes, when he pointed out: "Negroes are facing the most difficult period of adjustment since Emancipation. Good social workers can be of immeasurable assistance, but poor Negro social workers are dangerous."

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Radio Technicians in New Fraternity

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 22.—Through the efforts of local radio operators, there has been organized a national professional fraternity of Race radio technicians who have earned federal radio commission certificates. The name Kappa Sigma Upsilon has been chosen, chiefly because of the similarity those Greek letters bear to the English word "key," the name of a much-used instrument in radio telegraphy.

The fraternity's national headquarters here are in communication with the membership in several states through the fraternity's own network of experimental radio stations installed in its members' homes and licensed by the federal authorities. Secret telegraph codes are employed.

Officers of the new society are: Rufus P. Turner, national president; Rupert A. Lloyd, national vice president, and Dwight O. W. Holmes Jr., national secretary-treasurer. The master control radio station is operated by Herbert R. Orr and Alvin H. Kent.

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THINKS CHRIS... COULDN'T MAKE ... A. P. A. SOCIET...

College Frat Want... Smart, Hot Men fo... Members.

CRUEL BEATINGS ARE TOLD OF

Speakers Condemn In... itiation Practices.

WASHINGTON — "Jesus Chris... could not 'make' Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity today; they would black-ball Him because He was not 'hot enough."

In these words Belford V. Lawson, ...mber of the National Benefit Life ...nsurance claims staff, told nearly 70 members of the oldest Negro Greek-letter society in the country attending a banquet here last week that the fraternity, through its "narrow snobbishness and exclusive...ness," has "developed intellectua... pimps and parasites," instead o... holding to the highest ideals of in...tellect and culture.

Smart Men

"There has been too much stam...peding on our college campuses c... 'smart,' 'hot men,' he said, "while w... have rejected the sons of men whor... we considered nobodies."

Tortures Inflicted

Pointing to the tortures inflicte... upon initiates into the fraternity as evidence of a foolish clinging t... old traditions, Lawson said:

"This tragic and criminal actior... of brutally beating men who come into the fraternity has disappeared from the chain gangs in the states of many of the men who inflict this punishment.

"These cruel beatings, which, in many instances, have left men marked and scarred for life, is driving men away from Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. Many men are outside the fold because of this.

"With the coming of younger men into the fraternity there is some evidence of change toward a more democratic and humane spirit. We need, like Saul, to arise and go to the city, and it shall be told thee what to do."

Lazy Thinking

John Ragbir, a Howard University student, told members present at the banquet that the excuses offered by fraternity men for continuing the practice of brutal beatings at initiations evidenced "lazy thinking, and a sign of decay."

Ragbir urged that Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity set a high mark for itself by being the first Greek-letter society to do away with the practice.

Dr. Charles H. Wesley, genera... president of the fraternity, invited members of the organization to bring back to their ranks a "flaming enthusiasm," to remember their "texts" and make the words which they had heard "real flesh."

Other speakers at the banquet included: Dr. Rayford W. Logan, professor Gustave Auzene, Professor Leo Hansberry, who traced the history of the fraternity's ritual, pointing out popular fallacies whose interpretation is incorrect; former general president, Howard H. Long; Frank Adams, George D. Kelly, Nathaniel Murray, and Robert Ogle, three of the founders of the fraternity; O. W. Winters, Professor Thomas H. Henderson, Robert A. Burrell, Dr. Robert P. Daniels, Dr. Emmett J. Scott and Joseph H. B. Evans, general secretary of the fraternity.

The banquet, staged in the trustees' dining hall at Howard University, was held in connection with the fraternity's first Eastern Regional Conference.

FRATERNITY TO CONTINUE WITH ACHIEVEMENT WK

Chapter House Building Program Being Maintained

1-7-33

Richmond Bureau
504 N. Third St

RICHMOND, Va. — Hundreds of visitors and official delegations flocked here last week from all parts of the country to attend the annual conclave of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, which began on Wednesday, December 28, and continued through Friday, December 30. All business sessions were held in the auditorium of the Southern Aid Building, corner Third and Clay Streets.

The most notable feature of the conclave was the fact that the fraternity, despite the depression, held here one of the best and most enthusiastic conclaves in its history. While many constructive plans for economies were adopted, affecting all items of the budget, none will essentially lower the efficiency of the administration or discontinue any part of the Omegas' annual program.

Keeps Achievement Week

The fraternity will continue its chapter house building program, and to sponsor National Negro Achievement Week. It went on record also as stressing scholarship in undergraduate chapters and service by professional and business men in graduate groups.

Officers of the organization at the opening of the conclave were, Atty. Matthew W. Bullock, Boston, grand basileus; Ira DeA. Reid, New York, vice grand basileus; Atty. Walter H. Mazyck, Washington, D. C., grand keeper of records and seal; Doctor Daniel B. Taylor, Philadelphia, grand keeper of finance; S. Malcolm Dodson, Brooklyn, editor-in-Chief of The Oracle; and Atty. Linwood G. Koger, Baltimore, national director of Achievement Week. The Rev. William R. Johnson, Richmond, was grand marshal in charge of arrangements.

Go to Durham in 1933

The fraterinty will meet next in Durham, N. C., where the arrangements will be under the direction of George W. Cox of that city.

Officers elected for the ensuing term were: Lieut. Lawrence A. Oxley, Raleigh, N. C., grand basileus; William E. Baugh, Indianapolis, vice grand basileus; Walter H. Mazyck, Washington, grand keeper of records and seal; J. B. Blayton, Atlanta, grand keeper of finance; S. Malcom Dodson, Brooklyn, editor-in-chief of the Oracle, and George W. Cox, Durham, grand marshal.

A colorful and elaborate social program was prepared under the direction of the efficient grand marshal. Beta Phi Chapter, of Raleigh-Durham, N. C., won out on its third bid for the grand conclave to go to that energetic Southern city. As pointed out in last week's Journal and Guide, this means that the South will be host two consecutive years to the grand conclave of the fraternity.

The local Omega chapters and other fraternities and sororities here cooperated nicely, working harmoniously to the end that the visiting delegates would carry away a good impression of Richmond, and it must be said that they succeeded beyond the fondest hopes of the most optimistic. Richmond entertained the Omegas during their three-day visit here as only Richmond can.

NO DEPRESSION FOR KAPPAS AT HOLIDAY MEET

1-7-33

Teas, Stags, Dawn and Breakfast Proms Feature W.Va. Session.

GOVERNOR AND MAYOR SPEAK

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By EARL K. KOGER

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NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The ninth annual convention of Phi Delta Kappa, national teachers sorority, met in New York city from Dec. 28 to 30, and declared at that time a most successful gathering. Theta chapter, New York, were the hostesses.

Beginning with the registration of delegates at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning at the Y. W. C. A., 179 W. 137th St., the guests were entertained by most of the other sororities and fraternities in the city.

Delegates Entertained

Phi Beta Sigma fraternity gave a formal dance in their honor on Wednesday night at the Renaissance casino; on Thursday evening the Alpha Kappa sorority served in their honor in the Orange room of the Bronze studio in the early evening and Theta and Epsilon chapters of Phi Delta Kappa, of New York and Charleston, W. Va., respectively gave the organization's big formal dance later at the Renaissance.

Omicron chapter of Zeta Phi Beta was at home to Phi Delta Kappa in the Association of Trade and Commerce, Friday afternoon. Kappa Alpha Psi, Omicron chapter, held open house for the visitors at Duck Inn, Greenwich Village from 8 to 11 o'clock Friday evening and from 11 until 3; Eta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha staged an informal dance at the Republican club on Lenox Ave.

National Officers

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MID-WESTERN ALPHA MEET IS SUCCESS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 12 — Another step forward in the history of Alpha Phi Alpha was taken when the Alphas swarmed to Indianapolis recently for their first Midwestern Regional convention in the beautiful Mme. Walker Building as the guests of the Iota Lambda Chapter. The regional this year took the place of the general convention and was a preparatory step to relieve the quantity and congestion of business at the General Convention at St. Louis next December.

Some of the distinguished guests attending were: Hon. B. Andrew Rose, ex-General president of Dayton, O.; W. W. Cordoza, second vice president and presiding officer of the conventon and William Randolph, members of executive council of Cleveland. Others present were: J. Flemming Dr. Lockley and C. H. Carrol of Cincinnati; C. F. Lane, Sidney Jones, George Chapman of Chicago; C. Deloache, J. Haynie, M. Hill of Columbus, S. Pickett of Louisville and R. F. Payne of Wilberforce.

OMEGA PSI PHI WIN SCHOLARSHIP HONORS AT PITTSBURGH UNIV.

Omicron Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity ranked first in scholastic standing in a list of twenty men's social fraternities at the University of Pittsburgh, as was recently published in the Pitt News, the student paper.

The scholastic averages for the first semester, 1932-33 saw Omega in first place with an average of 2.02, its nearest competitors being Omega Delta with a 1.50 average, and Pi Lambda Phi with 1.48. The all-fraternity average was 1.217.

The scholarship plaque awarded annually by the interfraternity council went to Omega Delta, as Omega Psi Phi is not a member of the council ,the Negro fraternities on the campus being barred from the interfraternity council because of race prejudice, the reason given, is that the latter do not have fraternity houses.

Were First in 1926

This is the second time Omega Psi Phi has stood first in the fraternity standings. In 1926 Omega led the field on the Pitt campus. At the present time the Pitt "Q.C.'s" are under the leadership of their basileus, Harry Parker, local youth; also Harper Fortune, keeper of finances, is helping to keep Omegas on the peak with his honor grades.

Other outstanding Pitt Omegas are John Morton, keeper of records; Harry Fitzgerald, neophyte commander; Robert Cooley, of the Law School, and former president of the student council at Virginia Union University; James Miller, who is working on his doctorate in political science; and Howard Orr, of the pharmacy school.

Cup Awarded by Grads

At a recent meeting a silver cup was presented to Omicron Psi chapter on behalf of the graduate Omegas of Pittsburgh. The trophy expressed the appreciation of the grads for the great scholastic and community work of their younger brothers.

In commenting on the achievements as he accepted the cup, Basileus Parker stated:

"This recent achievement is more than a mere accomplishment by our great fraternity; it is but a triumph for the Negro students at the University of Pittsburgh, a stepping stone for Negro students in all the Northern and Western Universities; an attainment adding prestige to the great Negro race."

Omegas Active in Community

In the community and social fields Omega in Pittsburgh is reaching strides heretofore unsurpassed. Harper Fortune, a Washington protege, boys' work secretary at the Center Avenue Y.M.C.A. Also at the Y, Robert Cooley is instructing classes in parliamentary law, Parker is teaching classes in gymnastics and first aid, and is chairman of the music committee of the Annual Boys' Conference; Robert Scott is instructing tap-dancing duct, is very active as assistant classes weekly.

All of Pittsburgh's college set was present at Omega's frolic last Friday at the Iron City Elks' ballroom.

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School Sororities

Phi Delta Kappas To Go to Alabama

Amsterdam News

1-4-33

Sorority Closes Three-Day Meeting at the Y. W. C. A.; Re-elects All National Officers Except One; 24 Delegates at Sessions

New York City

A busy three-day session of the Phi Delta Kappa Sorority at the West 137th street branch of the Y. W. C. A. ended on Friday. There were present at this ninth convention 24 official delegates and 10 national officers as guests of two chapters — Theta of this city and Epsilon of Charleston, W. Va. The sorority's next meeting will be held in Birmingham, Ala., in December.

The body voted to continue its national poster contest, awards to be given in three classes, under the major heading of character building.

At the election, which was held Friday, all the national officers were re-elected except the editor-in-chief of The Krinon. The results follow: Miss Julia Goens, Atlantic City, supreme basileus; Mrs. Gertrude Robinson, this city, first anti-basileus; Miss Star Goodman, Birmingham, Ala., second anti-basileus; Mrs. Mamie Brown, Charleston, W. Va., third anti-basileus; Mrs. Helen Hoxter, Atlantic City, grammateus; Miss Ethel Lewis, Baltimore, epistoleus; Mrs. Agnes Freeman, Washington, tamiouchos; Mrs. Gladys C. Nunery, Jersey City, tamias; Mrs. Nell Occomy Becker, this city, editor-in-chief of The Krinon.

A formal dinner was given last Wednesday night at the Y. W. C. A. at which Elmer Carter, editor of Opportunity Magazine, was the speaker.

Social Events.

The sorority's social calendar included the formal dance by Phi Beta Sigma last Wednesday night, at the Renaissance Casino; an egg nogg party at Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at the Bronze Studio, Thursday; a joint formal dance by Theta and Epsilon chapters at the Renaissance Casino, also on Thursday at which a silk-lined, hand embroidered patchwork quilt was presented to Mrs. Lean Brown; an "at home" by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Friday, at 5 o'clock, at the Trade and Commerce Building; open house by Omicron chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi at the Duck Inn, and an informal dance by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at the Republican Club, 229 Lenox avenue, also on Friday.

The officers of Theta chapter are Mrs. Elizabeth Mars Waddell, basileus; Mrs. Rosetta Huggins, anti-basileus; Miss Katherine Mars, epistoleus; Miss Dorothy Spraggins, grammateus; Mrs. Sadella TenEyck McNichols, tamiouchos.

Official Delegates.

The official delegates in attendance at the convention were as follows: Gladys Ross and Sybil Archambeau, Alpha chapter, Jersey City; Maude Wayman and Marion Sparks, Beta chapter, Washington; Mamie Brown, Epsilon, Charleston, W. Va.; Ruth Young and Carolyn Hutchins, Eta chapter, Camden; Julia Porter, Maria Adams and Alice Johnson, Zeta chapter, Philadelphia; Ellen Scott and Bertha Cross, Gamma chapter, Baltimore; Katherine Mars, Louise Morris and Olive Sayers, Theta chapter, this city; Clarice Barnes, Ruth Avans, Iota chapter, Atlantic City; Oneida Cockrell, Mu chapter, Chicago; Star Goodman, Nu chapter, Birmingham, Ala.; Leona Davis and Doreen Jolly, Xi chapter, Westchester, Pa.

Sorority Ends Convention

Amsterdam News

Eastern Features Photo.

PICTURED here are some of the sorors who attended the ninth convention of Phi Delta Kappa at the Y. W. C. A., 179 West 137th street, last week. The national officers second row from front (reading left to right) are as follows: Mrs. Julia A. Barnes, Jersey City, custodian of insignia; Mrs. Nell Occomy Becker, this city, editor-in-chief of The Krinon; Miss Ethel Lewis, Baltimore, supreme grammateus; Miss Star Goodman, Birmingham, Ala., second anti-basileus; Miss Julia Goens, Atlantic City, supreme basileus; Mrs. Gertrude Robinson, this city, first anti-basileus; Mrs. Mamie Brown, Charleston, W. Va., third anti-basileus; Mrs. Agnes Freeman, Washington, tamiouchos; Mrs. Helen Hoxter, Atlantic City, epistoleus; Mrs. Gladys Merritt Ross, Jersey City, founder. On the front row, labeled (A) is Mrs. Rosetta Huggins, first anti-basileus of Theta, the local chapter of the sorority. Mrs. Elizabeth Mars Waddell, basileus of Theta, is labeled (B).

New York City

1-4-33

Chicago Is Host to Alpha Kappa Alpha

Chicago has opened its doors to the 423 delegates and friends of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority who are here celebrating the 25th anniversary of the founding of the organization and attending its 16th boule. The delegates, representing 52 chapters and 32 states, began arriving Saturday, and went into their first executive session Monday morning.

Among the interesting items on the program arranged for the entertainment of visiting guests and members of the hostess chapters, Chi Omega and Beta, is a garden party at Port college Saturday afternoon, a public meeting at International house of the University of Chicago, Sunday afternoon; an informal dance at the Savoy Monday night following a recital by members of the sorority at the Women's City club earlier that evening; a formal closed dance at International house Tuesday night; a closed banquet at the same place Wednsday night, and an informal dance given by the interfraternity sorority council at Bacon's casino Wednesday night.

Sessions at Church

The closed sessions were held at the Metropolitan Community church morning and afternoon of each day, and the final meeting is scheduled for Thursday morning in the auditorium of the Illinois Host building at A Century of Progress. This is to be followed by a tour of the fair grounds under an official guide.

The highlight of the meeting thus far held was the open session Sunday afternoon. At this meeting, which was presided over by Mrs. Wendell E. Green, Miss Amelia Sears, Cook county commissioner, welcomed the delegates officially for the city and county. Other welcomers were Mrs. Dickinson, wife of the director of International house, who spoke high in praise of the part college women are playing in solving, not only Race problems, but other problems peculiar to women. Representatives of the Delta Sigma Theta and Zeta Phi Beta sororities and the Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma fraternities also extended greetings to the visitors.

Principal talks were made by Miss Maude E. Brown, Louisville, supreme basileus, and Miss Hazel Brown, a young member of the sorority from Kansas, who was a Phi Beta Kappa student from the University of Kansas and who studied in Germany last year as winner of the sorority foreign study fellowship. Music for this program was furnished by Mrs. Lejeune Fischer, Miss Margaret Bonds, Mrs. Wilhelmina Alexander and Miss Nelmatinda Ritchie.

Founded at Harvard

The Alpha Kappa sorority was founded in Washington at Howard university, according to Mrs. Margaret Flagg Holmes, one of the founders. Mrs. Holmes introduced at the Sunday meeting two other of the founders, Miss Lucy Slowe, dean of women at Howard university, and Mrs. Ethel Hedgeman Lyle of Philadelphia. Monday Mrs. Lyle, as the original founder, was presented with a diamond studded pin by Spies Brothers, official jeweler for the sorority since its organization.

Officers of the sorority who were in charge at this Boule are Mrs. Brown, Louisville; Ida L. Jackson, Berkeley, Calif.; Ruth A. Martin, New York; Margaret Davis Bowen, Cincinnati; Marian I. Hill, Pittsburgh; Alice McGhee, St. Louis; Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, Philadelphia, and Jessie H. Roy, Braddock, Pa. New officers were to be elected Wednesday afternoon.

CALIFORNIAN AT HEAD OF A.K.A.

CHICAGO.—With more than 50 visiting sorors in attendance, leaders of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, attending the 16th annual Boule of the organization elected Miss Ida Jackson, California, as basileus.

Other officers elected include the following:

Grand basileus, Lucile Wilkins, Chicago; second anti basileus, Ruth Martin, New York; grammateus, Margaret Davis Bowen, Cincinnati; anti grammateus, Harriet Thomas, Atlanta; epistoleus, Alice McGhee, St. Louis; tammiocheus, Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, Philadelphia; editor-in-chief of the Ivy Leaf, Robertann Cuthbert, Chicago.

Blanche Hayes of St. Louis, is the new regional director of the Central Region which includes the Chicago chapters.

A full round of social activities was sandwiched in between the business sessions which were attended by delegates from all sections of the country. Included on the program was a public mass meeting, held Sunday at the International House on the University of Chicago campus, and an artists' recital at which Mme. Antoinette Garnes, soprano; and Miss Hazel Anderson, pianiste, were heard.

Business Girls' Sorority Holds National Meet

Lola M. Parker Elected First National President of Business Girls

CHICAGO.—(ANP)—The first national convention of Iota Phi Lambda, the business girl's sorority, was held here last week.

Thursday, after registration, an informal closed reception and bridge was held at the home of Soror Ethel Gavin Ford.

Friday morning the delegates visited the Greater Provident hospital, Supreme Liberty Life Insurance company and the Chicago Defender plant and other points of interest. Saturday an informal dance was held at the Warwick hall. All closed sessions were held at C. M. E. Jubilee Temple.

Sunday the sorority presented its "Open Educational Meeting" at the Church of the Good Shepherd opening with invocation by Rev. H. M. Kingsley. Soror Lola M. Parker gave a short history of the sorority; Miss Alberta Pope sang three vocal selections; Miss Amelia Sears, county commissioner and guest speaker, gave an instructive talk on the "Business Girls of Today." Sorors Nellie Askew and Marie Ross played a concerto on the piano and organ and Soror Eleanor C. Clay told the audience about the "Iota Girl" Soror Fuchsia B. Miller was mistress of ceremonies. An informal reception was held after the meeting. Punch was served by Soror Genevieve Ridley of Alpha Chapter.

The first national officers elected at the sessions were: Sorors Lola M. Parker, Alpha chapter, president; Amelia G. Anderson, Beta chapter, first vice-president; Stella Pickens, Epsilon chapter, second vice-president; Elizabeth Ward, Alpha chapter, corresponding secretary; Marguerite E. Harvey, Gamma chapter, recording secretary; J. Addye Crump, Delta chapter, treasurer; Nerlene W. Simons, Alpha chapter, journalist; Florence K. Williamson, Gamma chapter, eastern regional directress; Fuchsia B. Miller, Alpha chapter, western regional directress; Mildred R. Miller, Epsilon chapter, northern regional directress, and O. P. Williams, Delta chapter, southern regional directress.

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SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY HOLDS ITS BOULE IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO—The Eighth annual Boule of the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority was held in Chicago this week, opening December 27, and closing December 29, 1933. The club house of the Chicago and Northern District Association of Colored Women's clubs, 4941 South Parkway, was the boule headquarters. 12-30-33

One of the high lights of the boule was the Africa Fie program of West African rituals, presented by His Grace, Duke Kwesi Kuntu and his Royal Ashanti ceremonial troupe at the Twentieth Century club. These ceremonies were interpreted to the sorors by Frederick H. H. Robb, secretary.

The aim of the sorority has always been to achieve greater progress and greater service. In trying to improve the conditions of mankind, progress and service must overcome the ever-present obstacles of ignorance and selfishness. Intelectual education must overcome ignorance while moral education must overcome selfishness. The sorority will measure its own educational progress by her service to others.

Gary chapter- and the members of Epsilon chapter are doing all in their power to make the boule a success. They not only sent delegates to attend all meetings, but contributed all the funds they raised last June in a style show. The delegates were Mrs. Florence B. Alexander, basileus; Mrs. Ruby Creswell and Mrs. Clara Belle Fuller.

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Delegates representing the United Brothers of Friendship and the Sisters of the Mysterious Ten gathered here this week for the sixty-third annual session of the grand lodge and the golden jubilee session of the grand temple of Missouri and jurisdiction, which will end Friday, August 25.

The grand royal house session opened Monday morning, August 21, at Ebenezer church, at Sixteenth street and Lydia avenue.

Tuesday morning the grand lodge sessions were opened formally at the U. B. F. hall at Fourteenth street and Michigan avenue. A joint session was held Tuesday afternoon at which time addresses of welcome were delivered by representatives of the city, in the auditorium of Ebenezer church. Persons who appeared on the program were; the Rev. H. C. Vaughn, Tom Gershon, the Rev. D. A. Holmes, Mrs. Anna Roberts, Mrs. Mamie E. Walker, J. C. Gaston, J. F. Collins, Prof. C. Damel and C. H. Calloway.

Various committees were appointed by Grand Master C. G. Williams Jefferson City, at the Tuesday sessions.

They are the following: dedication, A. R. Brent, Omaha, chairman; J. W. Hurse, Kansas City; L. E. Mathis, Omaha; O. T. Redd, Kansas City; E. S. Redd, Columbia; O. F. Nelson, Rocheport; H. C. Vaughn, Moberly; J. W. Damel, Jefferson City.

Other Committees

On rules are William Hundley, St. Joseph; W. F. Clark, Kansas City; W. L. Berry, Jefferson City; H. Conway, W. G. Moseley, Kansas City; William Jefferson, Kansas City; George Childs, Cedar City; R. S. Cobb, Jefferson City; John Carter, Tebbes, Mo.

On accounts are J. C. Carter, St. Louis; W. H. Lawrie, Independence; William Julius, W. G. Moseley, Hugh Wilson. On grievances are H. C. Vaughn, Moberly; J. W. Damel, Jefferson City; Pearl Curl, Malta Bend; W. L. Berry, Jefferson City; E. L. Lampkin, Miami.

Other committees are: Memorial; J. M. Goins, Kansas City; O. F. Nelson, A. T. Redd, J. W. Damel, returns, John Carter, Lexington; C. Thomas, St. Louis; W. F. Clark, W. H. Norman, William Saunders, ballots, William Hundley, John Goins, T. C. Cappleton of Jefferson City; resolutions, T. T. Jackson, William Burton of Columbia, Jessie Stopwood, Oscar Johnson, Burnia Barney; grand master's address, C. H. Calloway, L. E. Mathis, E. S. Redd, A. R. Brent.

The sessions met jointly Wednesday afternoon at St. Stephen Baptist church, where the reports of various officers were made. Joint memorial services were held Wednesday night at Pleasant Green Baptist church.

The sessions Thursday were devoted to the nomination and election of officers. At the night session a golden jubilee historical pageant was presented by Mrs. Anna Roberts.

Features of today's sessions will be a juvenile demonstration and program, nurses unit demonstration; a parade and mammoth field day meet at the International arena.

Art Exhibit

An exhibition of the art work done by the juveniles at the Tipton home is being shown at the Ebenezer parish house. The display includes hand made rugs, quilts, linens, dolls and wearing apparel.

Delegates registered up to Wednesday morning were the following: Rev. O. T. Nelson, St. John lodge No. 7, Rocheport, Mo.; Charles Carr, L. H. Knight, Jess Spotwood, Ezekel No. 18, Kansas City, Mo. S. P. Parker, William Burton, Crispus Attucks lodge No. 62; George Childs, Western Optic No. 75, Cedar City, Mo.; James Parrent, Edward Langum, Fred Douglas, No. 86, Kansas City, Mo. Frank Spriggs, T. T. Jackson, W. A. Greene, Justice lodge No. 100, Kansas City, Mo.; John W. Carter, L. E. Mathis, C. H. Williams, lodge No. 105, Lexington, Mo.; T. P. Capleton, A. E. Moore lodge No. 122; R. D. Reynolds, R. B. William, lodge No. 131, New Bloomfield, Mo.; C. H. Calloway, W. G. Moseley, Peaceful Path lodge No. 140, Kansas City, Mo.; J. E. Fields, Young Men's lodge No. 175, Columbia, Mo. C. Thomas, Virgil Steel lodge No. 146, St. Louis; Elbert Lampkins, Eureka lodge No. 183, Miami, Mo. Rev. A. Ross Brent, Mason Hall, Wilson lodge No. 282, Des Moines, H. C. Vaughn, Moberly lodge No. 9, Moberly.

The following past masters are in attendance: Hugh Wilson, O. T. Nelson, S. P. Parker, Harry Carter, W. H. Lawrie, Tom Porter, Tom Capleton, R. D. Reynolds, Pearl Curl, H. H. Williams, W. T. Clark, O. T. Redd, A. R. Brent, Mason Hall, J. W. Hurse, R. S. Cobb, Duke Diggs, C. G. Williams, R. A. Davis, M. C. Sands, J. W. Damel, George Childs, W. A. Greene, J. E. Fields, Charles Blackwell, Charles Carr, C. Thomas, E. L. Lampkins, William Julius, H. C. Vaughn.

Royal House Delegates

Grand Royal House representatives of the S. M. T.'s are: Hettie Bonner, W. P., Ethel Bolden, secretary of Hettie Bonner Temple No. 379, Kansas City; Sammie M. Lampkin, Miami, Mo.; Nannie E. Walker, Bessie M. Gribbs, Katharine Hardin, Lexington; Emma Hardman, St. Louis; Mamie Johnson, Susie Wade, Columbia; Millie Armstead, St. Louis; Lizzie Hoye, St. Joseph; Melissa Carter, Cedar City, Mo.; Laura J. Casey, Mary E. Monroe, Lottie Gray, Lula M. Kelley, St. Louis; Lucy E. Paey, Moberly; Laura Kelly, Tipton; Sallie Eubank, Hillsdale, Mo.; E. J. Franklin, Hannibal; Maggie Williams, W. P. Boonville; Mayme Parker, W. S., Boonville; Pauline Humphries, W. T., Boonville; Lottie Rhodes, Liberty; Carrie Tonsall Hughes, Armstrong; Myrtle Harrison, Independence; Ruth L. Broadus, Omaha; Lula Stewart, Lula Logan, Leffie Smith, Jefferson City; Ella W. Berry, Lecta Caston, Bertha Cappleton, St. Louis; Mrs. Duke Diggs, Jefferson City; Mrs. A. Durrough, Tipton; A. J. Abbington, Huntsville; Jennie Buckner, St. Louis; M. E. Bolden, Moberly; Emma Colby, Kirksville; Luella Davis, Lexington; J. E. Fields, Columbia; Della Fields, Adelle Gates, Estella A. Longdon, Amy Roy, Edith Welch, Irene Wade, St. Louis; Julia Warfield, St. Joseph; M. C. Sands, Omaha; Mary Pethy, Jefferson City; N. Nelson, Columbia; Millie Lee, Jefferson City; Margaret Moore, Omaha, Arlivia W. McKenzie, Minneapolis.

Another delegation is expected to arrive before the close of the session.

U. B. F.'S ELECT K. C. ATTY., GR. MASTER

Mrs. Estella Diggs Was Re-elected Grand Princess Of The S. M. T.'s

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Aug. 28—During the Sixty-third session of the United Brethren of Friendship and the Fifty-th Session of the Mysterious Tens held in this City last week, the following officers were elected: GRAND MASTER, C. H. Franklyn, Clark; Deputy Grand Master, Forest C. Stirman; Grand Secretary, Duke Diggs; Ass't Grand Secretary, H. J. Williams; Grand Treasurer, R. S. Cobb; Grand Chaplain, Rev. A. Ross Brent; Grand Medical Director, Dr. W. H. Lawrie; Grand Senior Marshall, Thomas Porter; Grand Junior Marshall, R. A. Davis; Grand Right Supporter, Joseph Parrant, Grand Left Supporter, Mason Hall; Grand Outside Sentinel, R. D. Reynolds; Grand Inside Sentinel, E. L. Lampkins; Sword Bearer, T. C. Cappleton 4th Member Board, Rev. J. W. Hurse 1st Grand Trustee, Stuart P. Parker; 2nd Grand Trustee, M. C. Sands; 3rd Grand Trustee, Harry Carter.

Mrs. Estella Diggs was reelected Grand Princess of the S. M. T. and Mrs. Anna Roberts, Grand Vice Princess and Mrs. Clara Adams, Grand Secretary. The place of meeting for 1934 is Columbia, Mo.

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Imperial Order King David Guest of Louisa

MRS. ADELAIDE G. THOMPSON TAYLOR
Founder and Grand Worthy Ruler, Improved Order of King David, which convenes in 25th annual session in Louisa, Va., September 5 and 6.

The 25th annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, Imperial Order of King David will convene at the First Baptist Church of Louisa, Va., on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 5 and 6.

The annual sermon will be preached by Rev. W. H. Ford, first vice-ruler, on Monday evening. Miss Mary M. Scott, G. W. secretary, will introduce the speaker. The program will be directed by Mrs. Adelaide F. Thompson-Taylor, grand worthy ruler. Mrs. Mary L. Randolph will respond to the welcome address which will be delivered by S. S. Boyd.

The regular sessions of the grand lodge will be held on Tuesday with a public meeting. The welcome on behalf of the county will be delivered by Mayo George McBlake Miss Sallie Cowan and J. M. Beverly, respectively. Miss Charlotte Talley will render a select reading.

A feature of the sessions will be a street parade which will be headed by Williams Lodge Elks Band of Richmond, Va., and will be composed of units of the uniform rank of the order and marching clubs of subordinate lodges and members.

The night session on Tuesday will witnes sa sacred drama entitled "Before the Judgment Bar," directed by Mrs. Lillie Thomas of Richmond. Wednesday will be devoted to reports and general routine business of the order.

Select Leaders As King Davids Stage Conclave

United Order Holds 17th Annual Convention at Lodge Headquarters

The United Order of King David held its seventeenth annual convention here in this city at the lodge headquarters, 1709 North Nineteenth Street, begining Sunday of last week, at which time Rev. L. A. McLendon delivered the annual sermon.

More than a dozen lodges and temples took part in the conclave. Supreme Sovereign B. C. Plater opened the business session on Monday. Reports of the various lodges and temples were given. After the business session a musical and literary program was given in the evening.

State Grand Officers who were elected to their respective post are: Rosalie Williams, State Grand Sovereign; Ella Austin, State Vice Grand Sovereign; Martha Lane, Grand Keeper of Records; Henry Williams, Grand Chief of Finance; Laura Briscoe, Grand Master of Exchequer; Mary Burchett, Grand Shepherd; Mary Richardson, Grand Inside Guard; Julia Howard, Grand Counsel; and Benjamin Beckett, Grand High Priest.

Among those who took active parts in the annual conclave were: Mrs. A. R. Jackson, Mrs. Beatrice Locke, financial secretary of the Benevolent Fund,

Because of his objections to her re-
Laura Lewis, of Reading; Mrs. Lily M. Brooks, Grant Carr, Mrs. Green, Benjamin Freeman, Harry Williams, William O. Casterberry, Supreme Grand Master of Finance; Mrs. Eugenia O'-Neal, and Mrs. Edythe Hooper Ingram.

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True Reformers To Meet Here Monday

Richmond 9-9-33

The 53rd annual session of the Grand Fountain, United Order of True Reformers will convene in Richmond, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 11th, 12th and 13th. On Monday th Rosebud convention will meet with Mrs. Pauline Jones, of Washington, D. C., as president, Mrs. M. A. G. Reid, of Richmond as secretary and Mrs. Eliza Norrell, of Richmond as G. W. Governess.

Frand Fountain on Tuesday.

The first session of the Grand Fountain will convene on Tuesday morning. At 1 o'clock P. M. the delegates and visitors will be taken on a sight seeing trip around the city. Routine business will be transacted in the afternoon session which will begin at 2:30 P. M.

Public Meeting.

A public meeting will be held Tuesday night at 8 P. M. with Grand Master Trent presiding. The following program will be rendered:

Tuesday evening, Reformers Hall, 8 P. M., public meeting.

Devotionals, Rev. Sherdian Carter, Washington, D. C.

Music, Choir of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

Welcome address, Mrs. Alice Spindlems Sweeney.

Response, Prof. W. A. Saunders, Harpers Ferry, W. Va.

Address, Rev. E. F. Miller, Dean Bishop Payne Divinity School, Petersburg, Va.

Greetings, Representatives of visiting organizations.

Introduction, grand officers.

Election Wednesday.

The election of grand officers will be held on Wednesday morning which will be followed by a reception tendered the delegates and visitors.

Present Officers.

Officers now serving the grand Fountain are as folows:

Lee Trent, G. W. M.; S. F. Ray, V. G. W. M.; Mrs. L. Daulton, G. W. Mrs.; Mrs. L. L. Stanard, G. W. Sec.-Treas.; Rev. Sheridan Carter, G. W. Chaplain; Rev. R. L. Moorefield, G. W. Guide; Mrs. L. D. Hodge, G. W. A. Guide; Mrs. Maria Yancey, G. W. R. H.; Mrs. E. M. Satchell, G. W. L. H.; Mrs. Julia D. Smith, G. W. Sentinel; Mrs. Fannie Patterson, G. W. P. G.; Mrs. Eliza Myers, P. G. W. Mistress; Mrs. Elisa

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Norell, G. W. Governess.

Board of Directors.

Lee Trent, James East, Mrs. M. A. G. Reid, H. H. Winters, Frank Foreman, Mrs. L. L. Stanard, Mrs. Eliza Norrell, Mr. Heywood Johnson, Fudell Williams, John T. Brown, Chief of Richmond Division.

The renaissance period in Negro businesses dates from the organization of the Grand Fountain, United Order of True Reformers, in 1881, by Rev. William Washington Browne. From the march which began in the Friends' Orphan Asylum on West Charity Street to the old blacksmith shop on North Second Street, and finally to the present True Reformers hall, the first office building, auditorium and bank was ever constructed by Negroes, the story bristles with thrilling adventures, courage, genius and super deeds.

The admirable works on this organization, written by Dr. Webster Davis, W. P. Burrell and D. E. Johnson, Sr., are conclusive of the fact that the present Negro business structures in Richmond owes its inspiration, ideas of organization and concepts of mass effort to the remarkable vision, energy and undertakings of William Washington Browne. His plans have been adopted and improved on by other organizations, but no effort at disguise can totally efface the indelible imprints made upon the business efforts of this city, State and nation by this giant among men.

Browne's mind was uncanny, his genius superb and his faith and courage were matchless. Many of the men who have made reputations as successful business administrators and executives, owe their inspiration and training to Browne, prominent among whom are A. W. Holmes, perhaps Rev. Browne's closest friend; E. C. Burke and B. L. Jordan. Rev. Browne's death on December 21, 1897, robbed the Negroes of this city and nation of his commanding leadership and constructive ability. The work for which he suffered martyrdom thrived for a while, but when that strong right arm withered, the torch it held fell, never to be lifted so high again. Like the empire without the Emperor Napoleon, it was destined to decay.

Banks Orgainzed

The first Negro bank to be operated in this city was started by the True Reformers

D.C. MAN, HEADS REFORMERS

Richmond Va.-Convention 9-30-33

RICHMOND, Va.—The United Order of True Reformers held its annual convention here last week.

In the closing session Wednesday afternoon the annual election of officers was held. Lee Trent, who had served eight years as grand master, declined renomination for another term and the convention elected Samuel E. Ray, of Washington, D.C., grand master by a unanimous vote.

Others elected were, vice-grand master, Eudell Williams, Pittsburgh, Pa; grand secretary-treasurer, Mrs. L. L. Stanard; grand worthy mistress, Mrs. L. B. Daulton; and grand worthy chaplin the Rev. G. S. Carter.

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United Order of Tents Held 32nd Session in Danville, Va.

Palmetto Leader

UNITED ORDER OF TENTS J. R. G. & J. U. IN THIRTY-SECOND BIENNIAL SESSION.

11-4-33.

According to program, a party of three sisters left Columbia Monday October 23rd to attend the 32nd Biennial session of the National Grand Encampment of the United Order of Tents, J. R. Giddings and Jollifee Union, which convened in Calvary Baptist church Danville, Va.

The trip up was uneventful, save that the driver followed Route No. 1 which was the longest way there and made the party a little late in arriving in Danville. However, on getting there we went directly to the church and on entering gazed upon a most impressive sight.

This large church was comfortably filled with a host of earnest Christian women all bent upon one thing, the betterment of our group.

The United Order of Tents is 87 years old and is still going strong. It is a Christian organization whose object is moral uplift, charity, christian training and stresses all things which make better the lot of Negro womanhood.

There are seven strong; intelligent women at the head of The Tents. They are Superintendents H. A. Purnsley, Chester, Pa.; F. E. Lane, New York; A. M. Ward, Norfolk, Va.; M.S. Gale. Brooklyn, N. Y.; Hattie Milford, Norristown, Pa.; M. G. Goode, Danville, Va., and A. J. Valentine, Chester, Pa. These women are consecrated, earnest christians doing all in their power to further the cause.

We, of South Carolina, who had never attended a National Encampment before could not imagine the wide scope of its reach. There were delegates from all New England from New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Deleware, Virginia, West Virginia, Michigan, the District of Columbia, North and South Carolina and perhaps other states. Three groups of women chartered Greyhound busses to bring them to Danville and to remain throughout the session and carry them back, so great was their determination to attend. Composing this encampment are women from all walks of life, preachers, doctors, lawyers, undertakers, teachers, nurses, farmers and all other professions and trades open to the women of our group.

The people of Danville spared no pains to make the stay of the delegates pleasant. Besides the business sessions there were seasons of entertainment and pleasure. Many prominent speakers appeared on the welcome night program. Most notably Mrs. K. M. Harris, Judge of the Juvenile Court, Danville, who gave a most hearty welcome in the form of information as regarding her work. The Calvary Baptist church band furnished splendid music.

Wednesday afternoon the Juveniles of Danville and suburbs, about two hundred strong, gave a very high class program of readings, songs, playlets and a lovely candle light service. These girls ranged in ages, from three, one half to fifteen years and each a star in her own right. Wednesday night the climax was reached when a most elaborate banquet was served to around five hundred officers, delegates and friends. No words are adequate to describe this brilliant affair. Suffice it to say all wished it could have lasted forever. Too much cannot be said of the good people of Danville.

The summary of reports rendered on Thursday showed the Tents holding their own despite the financial stringency. New Tents and Juvenile Classes are constantly being added The report on the Old Folk's Home in Hampton, Va., was worth noting Its inmates are well fed, well cared for and happy. They do not know there is a depression. This home is one of the strongest points in favor of the Tents. Our needy sisters from anywhere are taken there and tenderly cared for.

Knowing our sisters and well wishers would like to have the National Encampment come to South Carolina. we put in our plea for it. It will be six years before this meeting comes South again and we hope to qualify by that time. Whatever it takes to get it, let us do that. Thursday night after adjournment every one made ready to bid Danville goodbye. We were tired but happy.

There were seven from South Carolina Sisters Grace Chapman and Rosa Ward of Charleston, C.R. Brown and Fannie Barr of Florence, Jenette White, Susie Fulford and A. M. Garrett of Columbia. Sisters White, Fulford and Brown hold national positions.

A. M. GARRETT. Scribe.

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Woodmen of Union.

To Rejuvenate Fraternal Order

Woodmen of Union Launches Program

Hot Spings, Ark. — (ANP) — In what was considered a very important move in the direction of a complete rehabilitation of the Woodmen of Union, local fraternal organization, the executive board in session Tuesday afternoon launched a vigorous program of economy and set in motion plans for rebuilding the membership to its former standards.

In order to get within its present income and at the same time build up a surplus for the liquidation of its outstanding indebtedness and for the development of its field activities, the board unanimously adopted an economy program which calls for the temporary closing of the hotel and bath house during the summer and the maintenance of its hospital on a smaller scale in keeping with its present membership. With its overhead expenses thus cut down to a minimum, it is the opinion of the board that the order will be in a better position to fulfill its obligation of service to its membership and at the same time keep up with its current expenses.

One member of the board, in discussing the measures of the "new deal" adopted by that body Tuesday afternoon, stated that the reaction to those measures will mean the dawn of a new day for the Woodmen of Union. All the members of the board and the entire official staff pledged themselves to renew their efforts and work hard for an immediate increase of the membership.

After the adoption of the above economy program, plans were worked out for the immediate launching of a gigantic membership campaign. Five thousand new members is the goal set to be reached within the next ninety days or by the time the Supreme Lodge meets here in August.

Members of the board present at the meeting were William H. Falconer, chairman; E. A. Kendall, M. D.; Jno. L. Webb, Jno E. Eve, M. D., and Mrs. Mary F. Horton.

WEBB IS LEADING DRIVE FOR PROGRESS

Courier

(Special to Pittsburgh Courier)

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., June 15—"The Woodmen of Union under the new plan is growing rapidly. We are now headed for rebuilding the organization on the mutual plan and solicit the cooperation of the members of our race."

So spoke John L. Webb, supreme custodian of the Woodmen of Union; the one man who is looked upon as the savior of the Hot Springs enterprises. Mr. Webb, by his magnanimity, sacrificed opportunities for personal gain in order to save to Negroes the assets of the old Woodmen and of Century Life Insurance Company. When the cry for liquidation was at its height, instead of allowing the companies he had built up to be thrown into receivership and "picked clean" by greedy receivers, as had happened to practically every other major Negro fraternal and insurance concern in Arkansas, Mr. Webb and his associates fought off the receivership pleas in open court, and on his integrity as an administrator over a long period of years, heard his management of the companies sustained by an impartial judge. Then, by an unusually bold stroke which set a precedent for other companies, he allowed the Universal Life Insurance Company of Memphis to take over the assets of the two companies under a reinsurance contract which protected all paid up policyholders, and calmly withdrew to rebuild a new Woodmen on the mutual plan.

In his office at the W. O. U. building last week to which he had just returned from a tour through Mississippi where he met with hearty response to pleas for the new organization, Mr. Webb said it was because of his long record as an honest business man that the traducers of Negro business in a time of stress were not able to overthrow his life work. Every effort was made, he said, to bring the organization to ruin, but he stood resolutely against all propositions that had as their basis the defrauding of members, and uniformly turned them down in spite of tempting offers for personal gain. "That kind of business is not for me," Mr. Webb said. "I prefer to go the same honest way I have always gone, come what may. And it was because of my long record in that respect that kept receivers from being appointed that would have soon dissipated the Woodmen and Century assets."

In a little leaflet headed "Facts," which Mr. Webb and his associates distribute at their meetings, is this explanation of the change: "In September, 1932, the Insurance Commissioners of Arkansas and Tennessee, signed agreements permitting the Universal Life Insurance Company of Memphis, to become the trustee of the Woodmen Union Life Insurance Company assuming all liabilities of the Woodmen Union Life Insurance Company including the Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan to be paid out of the liquidation of the Woodmen Union Life Insurance Company's assets. All beneficiaries of

PROGRESSIVE

JOHN L. WEBB

Supreme Custodian of the Woodmen of Union, a prominent Arkansas concern. Mr. Webb is regarded as the savior of the famous Hot Springs enterprise, especially during these trying times in commercial circles.

members who held policies in the old Woodmen of Union fraternal order and the Century Life Insurance Company who were financial at their death will be paid by the Universal Life Insurance Company, in accordance with the reinsurance contract. This unselfish act on the part of the management saved for the race both concerns."

Explaining the new plan under which the Woodmen now operates, the leaflet continues. "The Woodmen of Union fraternal organization has not failed nor has it gone down as has been stated by so many of those who did not know. But, instead the Woodmen of Union is now offering a benefit certificate plan with a maximum death benefit of $75 on the mutual plan. Certificate is in force for death benefit 30 days after the first assessment of 55 cents has been paid, and carries with it free hospitalization in the hospital of the Woodmen of Union at Hot Springs, Ark. Six months membership is required to become in benefit for hospitalization as heretofore. Under the special dispensation you may join the W. O. U. for $1. Ages adult department 15 to 60. Juvenile department 3 to 14 inclusive. Special dispensation for juveniles 25 cents. Parents may carry for their children benefit of $75 with or without hospitalization; with hospitalization 55 cents per month, without hospitalization 30 cents per month."

Mr. Webb is proud of the record he has made during the depression by saving his businesses from defeat. As he looks around he sees all the major Arkansas institutions gone, with nothing left, but he smiles when he contemplates that instead of that fate overtaking him, as it tried to do, the assets of his companies are safely intrusted to another Negro company, where all policyholders will be taken care of under the new contract, and he is free to rebuild as a mutual concern the fraternal acorn that once before he developed into a giant oak.

Mr. Webb paid a warm tribute to his associates for their staunch cooperation and loyal support throughout the trying days of readjustment. Chief among these are Dr. E. A. Kendall, supreme president; William H. Falconer, supreme vice president and Dr. John E. Eve, medical director. No reference to the saving of the institutions should be made without mention of them, he said.

NEW RECEIVER TAKES OVER WOODMEN

$132,000 Death Benefits Is Owed by Defunct Arkansas Co.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — (ANP).—Saturday morning Verne McMillan, white, was appointed receiver for the Woodmen of Union Life Insurance Company, the former pride and joy of John L. Webb.

Action of the court Saturday voids the trusteeship of the Woodmen Life Insurance Company, of Memphis, Tenn., which has tried to run the Woodmen business since October, 1932.

Hal Norwood, attorney general, declared that Universal had failed to pay old death claims in the sum of $111,98.98, outstanding, and $22,-275.83 in death claims which had accrued since September 15, 1932, and that the income from premiums and investment was being expended for the cost of administration.

Only 3400,000 insurance now remains of what Woodmen once had, judgments are constantly being taken against the company and its assets seized, according to Norwood.

At Saturday's hearing, counsel representing the Universal Life, while agreeing to the appointment of a receiver, sought the recovery of some $15,000 which, they stated, had been advanced by Universal in behalf of Woodmen, during the period of Universal trusteeship.

Dr. J. E. Walker of Universal, told the court that this was in addition to the $51,000 which Universal had already paid out in liquidation of Woodmen claims.

Friday, a special Federal receiver was appointed as part of the effort of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to recover $159,856 lent to the Woodmen company. The suit named John L. Webb, B. G. Oliver Jr., E. A. Kendall, and the Universal Co. The corporation seeks not only the principal but interest at five and one-half per cent from September 1, 1932. Personal suits against Webb, Kendall and Oliver are also to be filed in Federal court.

Henry Julian, white, was appointed special receiver in the Federal court.

Woodmen of Union Now in Hands Of 2 White Receivers

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—On November 4, Verne McMillan, white was appointed receiver for the Woodmen of Union Life Insurance Co., the former pride and joy of John L. Webb, political and fraternal leader of this section.

The action of the court voids the trusteeship of the Woodmen Life Insurance Co. of Memphis, Tenn., which has tried to run the Woodmen business since October, 1932.

Hal Norwood, attorney general, declared that the company had failed to pay old death claims in the sum of $111,980.98 outstanding and $22,275.83 in death claims which had accrued since September 15, 1932, and that the income from premiums and investment was being expended for the cost of administration.

Only $3,400,000 insurance now remains of what Woodmen once had, judgments are constantly being taken against the company and its assets seized, according to Norwood.

On November 3,, a special federal receiver was appointed as part of the effort of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to recover $159,856 lent to the Woodmen Company. The suit named John L. Webb, B. G. Oliver jr., W. A. Kendall and the Universal Company. Personal suits against Webb, Kendall and Oliver have also been filed in the Federal court. Henry Julian, white, was appointed special receiver in the federal court.